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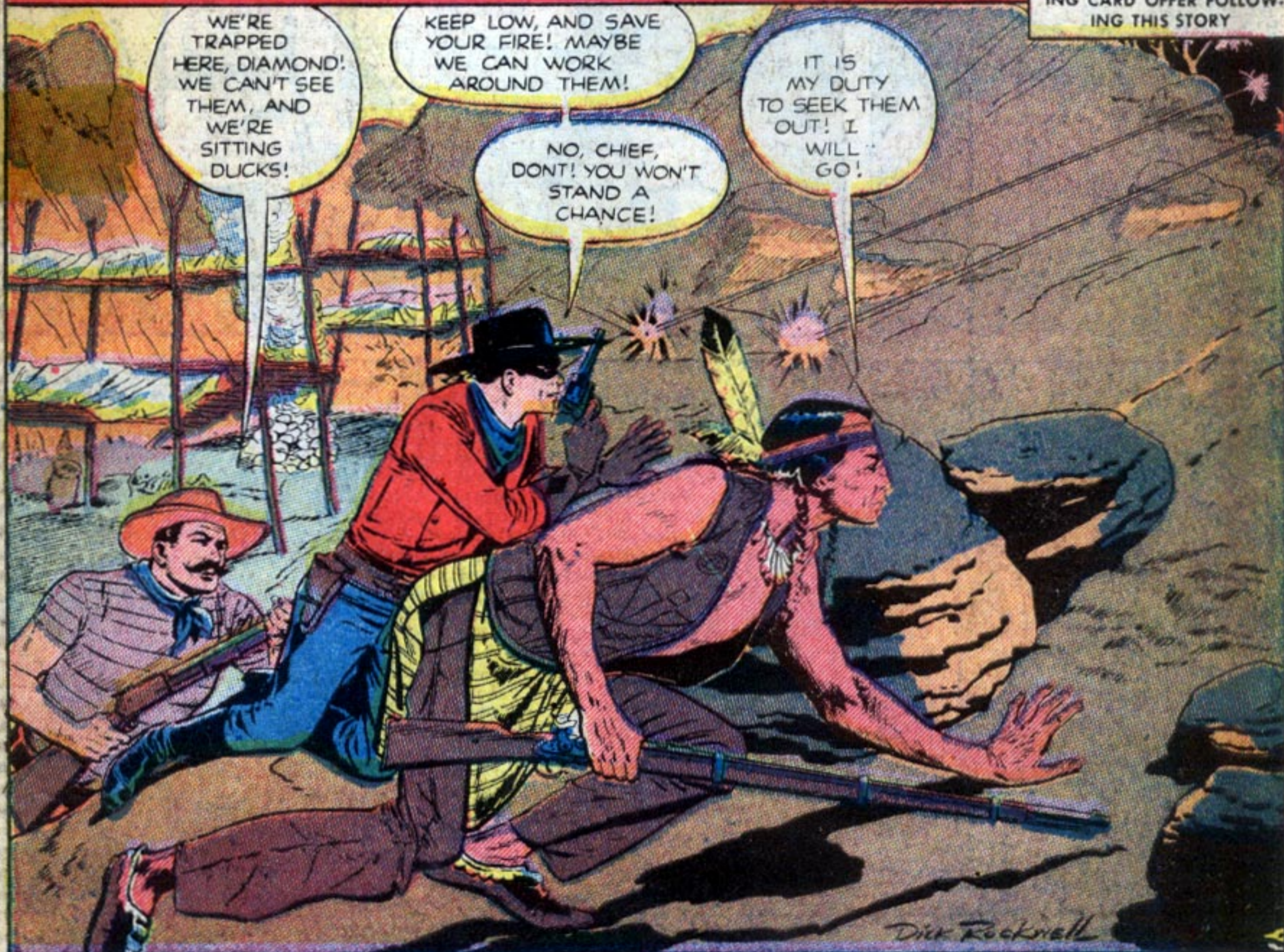
BLACK DIAMOND

AND THE GOLDEN INDIANS

CUT OUT AND SAVE!



SEE FREE VALUABLE TRADING CARD OFFER FOLLOWING THIS STORY



WE'RE TRAPPED HERE, DIAMOND! WE CAN'T SEE THEM, AND WE'RE SITTING DUCKS!

KEEP LOW, AND SAVE YOUR FIRE! MAYBE WE CAN WORK AROUND THEM!

IT IS MY DUTY TO SEEK THEM OUT! I WILL GO!

NO, CHIEF, DON'T! YOU WON'T STAND A CHANCE!

Dick Rockwell

AS OUR TALE UNFOLDS WE MEET TWO GOLD-HUNGRY PROSPECTORS, TRIX ASHTON AND BUD THOMPSON! THEY'RE DEEP IN BLACKFEET INDIAN TERRITORY IN MONTANA WHERE THEIR MULES HAVE JUST BEEN STOLEN FROM THEM!

I TELL YOU, TRIX, WE SHOULD HAVE TURNED BACK TWO DAYS AGO WHEN THEM BAD INJUNS STOLE OUR MULES!

STOP YOUR BELLY-ACHING, BUD, AND KEEP PUSHING! I KNOW THERE BE GOLD HEREBOUTS AND I AIM TO BE THE ONE TO FIND IT! NO INJUNS OR EVEN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS GOING TO SCARE ME OFF!

A MAN CAN GET INTO A HEAP OF TROUBLE BUCKING THE GOVERNMENT AND THE INJ... SAY, WHAT'S THAT?

QUIET! LISTEN—IT SOUNDS LIKE INJUN...



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IT IS INJUNS!
Y'CAN HEAR 'EM
WHOOPIN' IT UP!
LET'S GET GOIN'
IN THE OTHER
DIRECTION!

NO—WAIT!
THAT'S AN
ODD CHANT!
SOUNDS LIKE A
DEATH CHANT!
LET'S SEE
WHAT THEY'RE
UP TO!



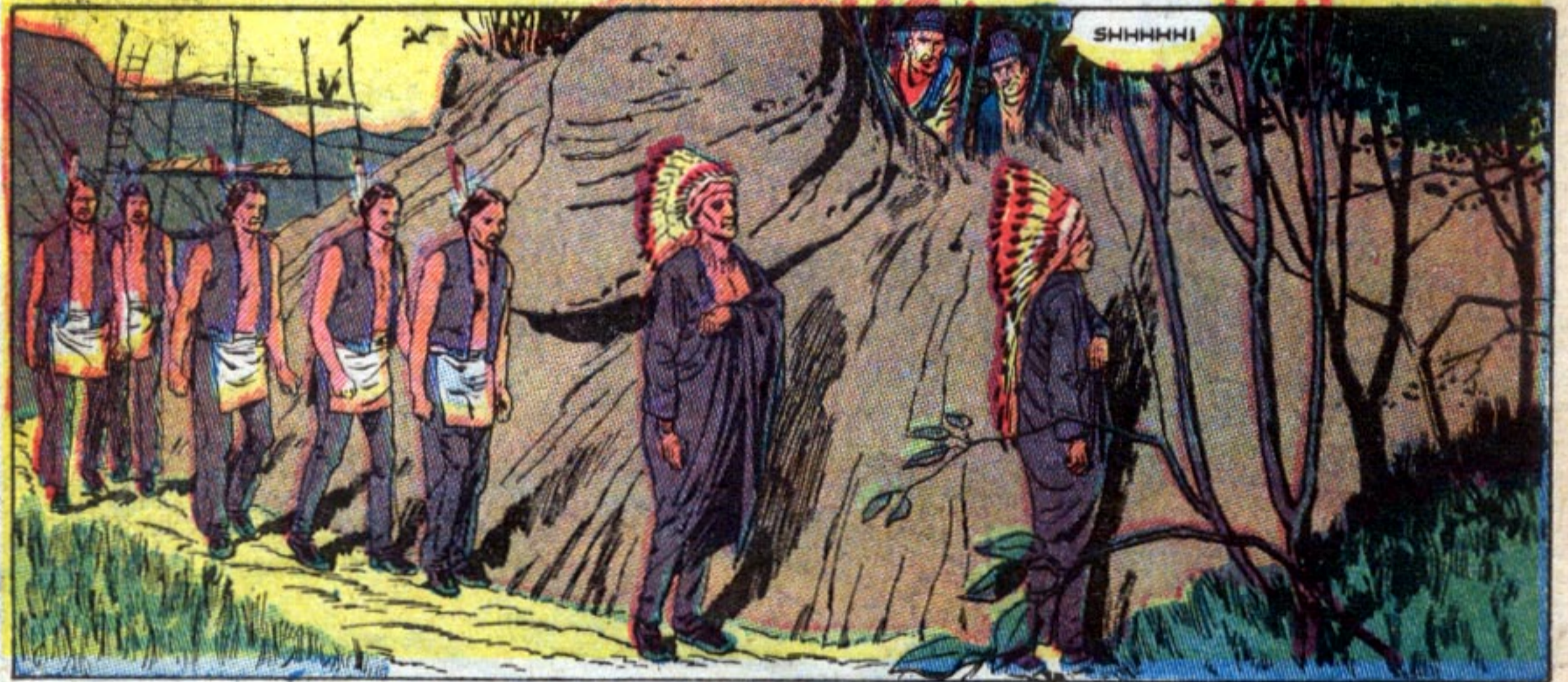
THIS
AIN'T TOO
WISE, TRIX!
WHAT IF
THEY SHOULD
SPOT
US?

THEY
WON'T IF
WE DON'T
MAKE ANY
NOISE! QUIET,
BUD!



IT'S THE BLACK-
FEET TRIBE! THEY'RE
SUPPOSED TO BE
FRIENDLY! WHAT THE
HECK ARE THEY
DOING?

THEY'RE
HONORING
A DEAD
WARRIOR!
CAREFUL, NOW
THEY'RE
LEAVING!



SHHHHH!



WHERE YOU GOING,
TRIX? LET'S GET OUT
OF HERE! THIS GIVES
ME THE CREEPS!

THEY'RE GONE!
LET'S TAKE A LOOK!
SOMETIMES THESE
INDIANS BURY
VALLABLES WITH
THEIR DEAD!



THERE'S NOTHING
HERE BUT A BUNCH
OF MOLDY FURS
AND OLD
POTS!

LET'S GO—THE INDIANS
MIGHT COME BACK AND
THEY DON'T CATER TO
PEOPLE SNOOPING
AROUND THEIR
DEAD!



GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT! MAYBE WE BETTER BE MOVING...HEY, WAIT. A MINUTE... WHAT'S THIS?

WHY, IT'S ONLY A ROCK, AIN'T IT?



IT IS A ROCK—BUT I CAUGHT A GLINT OFF OF IT FROM THE SUN... YOU TAKE A LOOK, BUD, MAYBE MY EYES ARE GOING BAD!

WHY...WHY... WHY, IT'S... I CAN TELL FROM HERE—IT'S GOLD!



GOLD! ARE YA SURE, BUD?

YUP! THAT'S GOLD, ALL RIGHT! WE'VE HIT IT, TRIX!

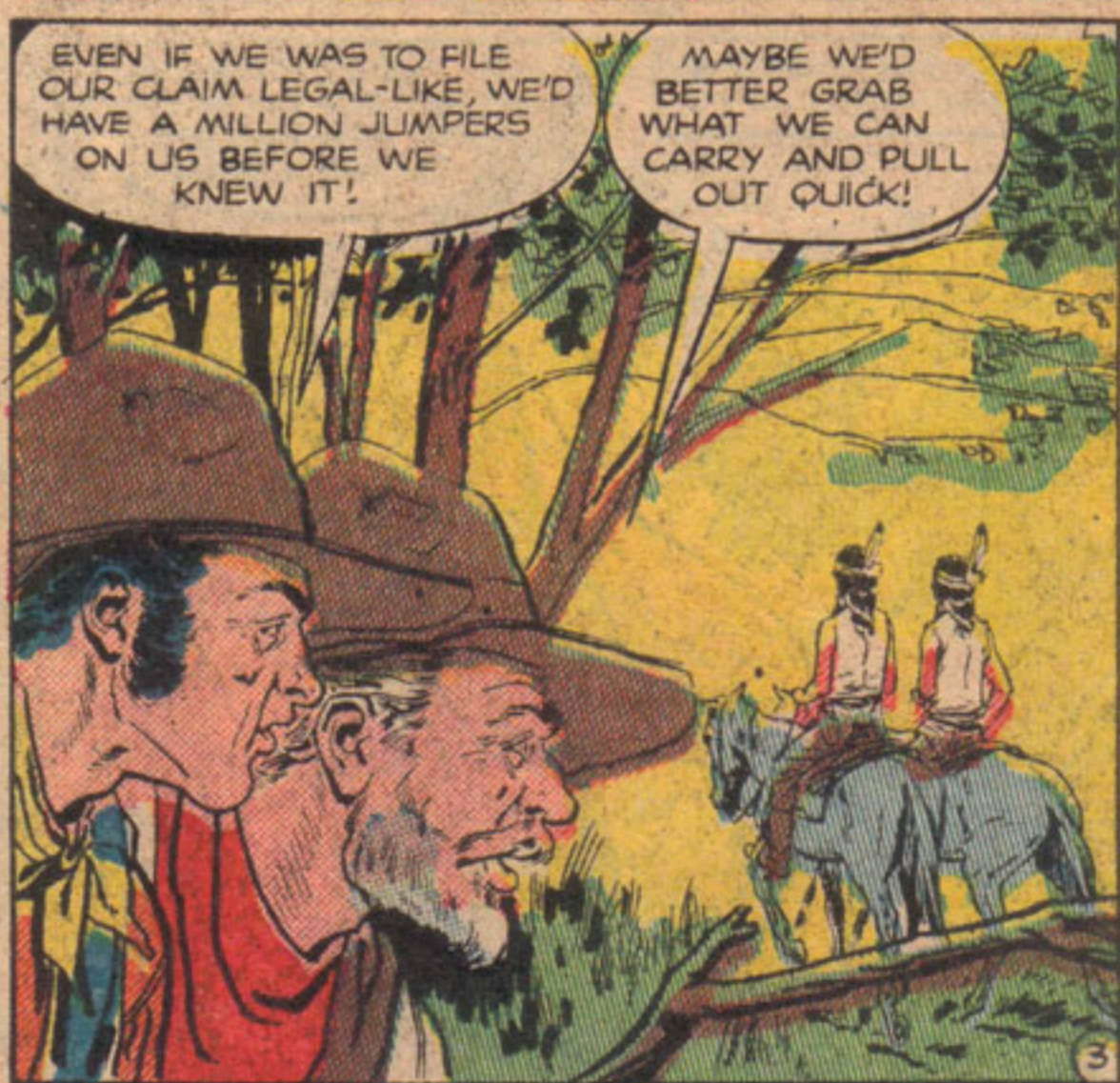


LISTEN, I HEAR HORSES! THE INJUNS ARE RETURNING! QUICK, BUD, BACK INTO THE BRUSH!



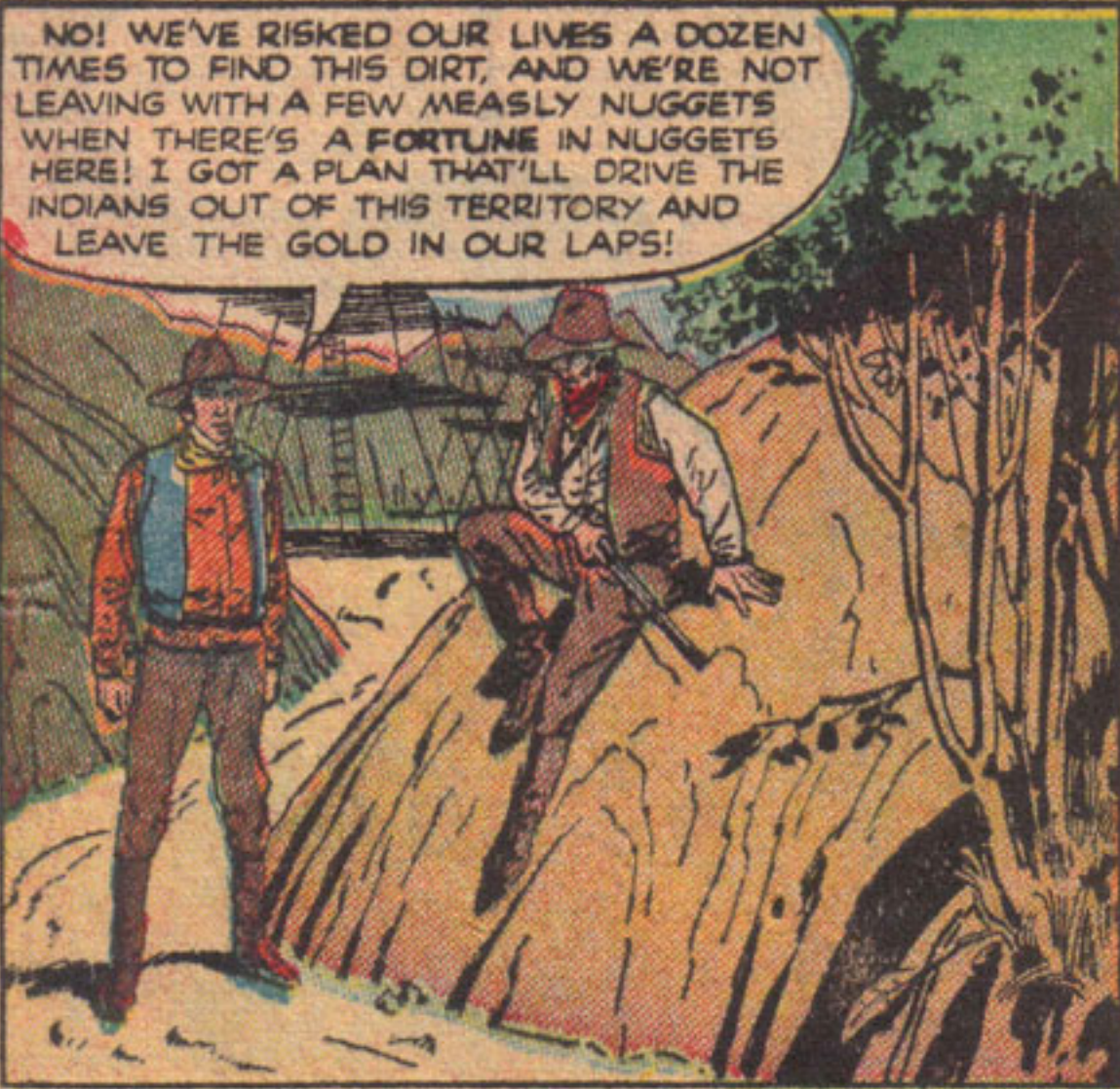
DARN THOSE BLASTED INDIANS! WE'LL NEVER GET A CHANCE TO DIG WITH THEM SNOOPING AROUND!

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO, TRIX? THIS HERE LAND WAS GIVE TO THE RED DEVILS BY THE GOVERNMENT, AND IT'S AGIN THE LAW TO MINE ON IT!



EVEN IF WE WAS TO FILE OUR CLAIM LEGAL-LIKE, WE'D HAVE A MILLION JUMPERS ON US BEFORE WE KNEW IT!

MAYBE WE'D BETTER GRAB WHAT WE CAN CARRY AND PULL OUT QUICK!





PATIENCE, MY CHILDREN! OUR GODS HAVE NOT DESERTED US! THESE DOINGS ARE FROM SOME OTHER HAND! WE MUST NOT LEAVE THE LAND OF OUR FATHERS!

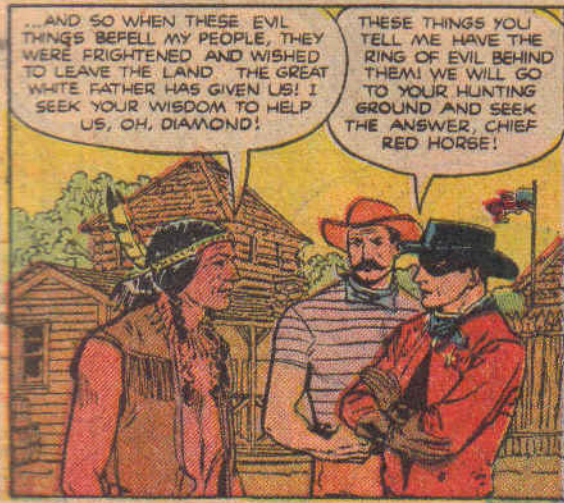


BUT THESE THINGS ARE BEYOND US! LET US LEAVE!

LET US GO NOW BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

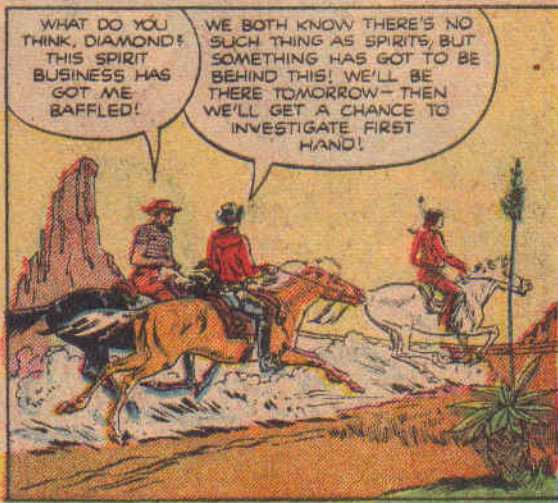


SILENCE, MY BRAVES! THESE THINGS ARE THE WORK OF SOMEONE WHO WISHES TO DO US WRONG! TOMORROW I WILL SEND MY SON, CHIEF RED HORSE, TO SEEK THE HELP OF OUR GREAT FRIEND, THE BLACK DIAMOND! IF THIS WONDER WORKER CANNOT HELP US, THEN WE WILL SEEK ANOTHER HUNTING GROUND!



... AND SO WHEN THESE EVIL THINGS BEFELL MY PEOPLE, THEY WERE FRIGHTENED AND WISHED TO LEAVE THE LAND. THE GREAT WHITE FATHER HAS GIVEN US! I SEEK YOUR WISDOM TO HELP US, OH, DIAMOND!

THESE THINGS YOU TELL ME HAVE THE RING OF EVIL BEHIND THEM! WE WILL GO TO YOUR HUNTING GROUND AND SEEK THE ANSWER, CHIEF RED HORSE!



WHAT DO YOU THINK, DIAMOND? THIS SPIRIT BUSINESS HAS GOT ME BAFFLED!

WE BOTH KNOW THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS SPIRITS, BUT SOMETHING HAS GOT TO BE BEHIND THIS! WE'LL BE THERE TOMORROW— THEN WE'LL GET A CHANCE TO INVESTIGATE FIRST HAND!



LATE THE FOLLOWING DAY...

ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME WE TURNED BACK TO CAMP? WE'VE BEEN OVER THIS GROUND ALL DAY WITHOUT A SIGN OF ANYTHING!

HOLD ON! LOOK HERE, BUMPER!



THESE BOOT PRINTS— THEY'RE VERY RECENT, AND THEY'RE NOT OURS, AND NONE OF THE INDIANS WEAR BOOTS!

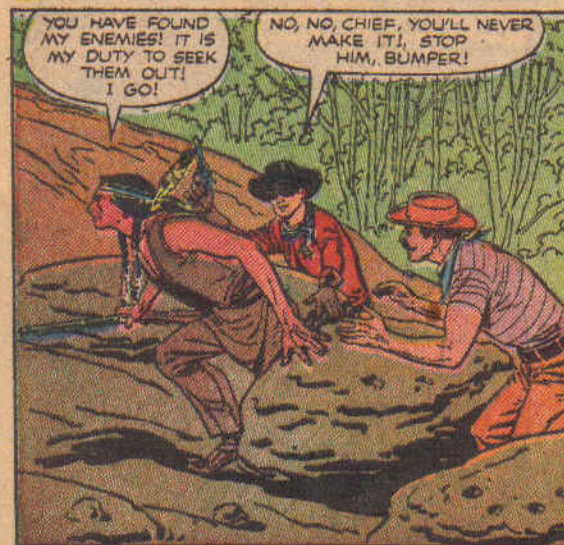
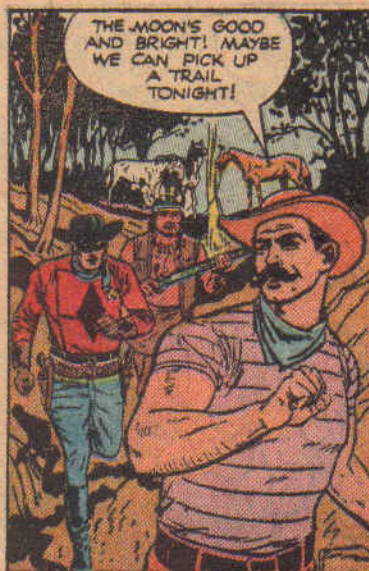
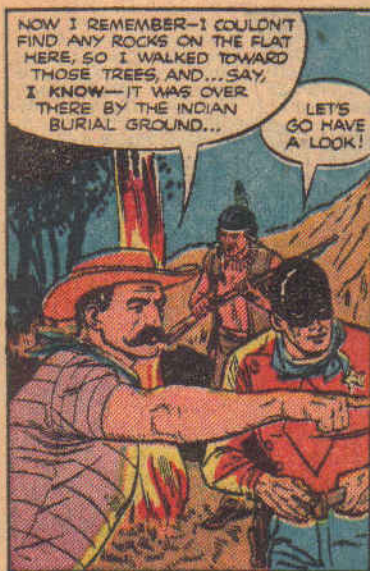
BUT WHAT DOES THAT PROVE? IT COULD HAVE BEEN A HUNTER OR A TRAPPER OR...



YOU FORGET, BUMPER, THIS IS A GOVERNMENT RESERVATION! WHITE MEN AREN'T ALLOWED ON IT, AND IF THEY COME HERE, YOU CAN BET IT'S FOR NO GOOD REASON!

LET'S CAMP HERE FOR THE NIGHT! THEN IN THE MORNING WE CAN GET A FRESH START TRAILING THESE TRACKS!





THE CHIEF SPRINGS FORWARD, DODGING AS HE RUNS, BUT BEFORE HE GOES TWENTY YARDS, HE IS CUT DOWN BY THE MERCILESS FIRE FROM THE RIDGE...



THEY GOT HIM!
THE SNEAKING
RATS GOT
HIM!

NO-NO.. HE'S MOVING!
HE MUST JUST BE
WOUNDED! WE'VE
GOT TO HELP HIM
BEFORE ITS
TOO LATE!



THAT'LL
TEACH THAT
REDESKIN TO
BUCK US!

I DON'T LIKE THIS, TRIX!
THEM OTHER TWO ARE
WHITE MEN, AND I THINK
I CAUGHT A GLINT OF A
BADGE! I DON'T WANT
NO LAW TROUBLE! I'M
PULLING OUT! THIS
WAS YOUR IDEA!



WHY, YOU YELLOW
PUP! YOU'RE
PULLING OUT,
ALL RIGHT
FOR GOOD!

NO! NO! TRIX--
YOU WOULDN'T!
DON'T BE A FOOL!
PLEASE, TRIX!



TAKE THAT,
YOU
COWARD!

AHHH...



BLUMPER
DID YOU
HEAR
THAT?

THOSE TWO SHOTS AND
THAT SCREAM--THEY MUST
BE FIGHTING AMONG
THEMSELVES! WONDER
HOW MANY OF 'EM
THERE ARE!



NOW IT'S MINE! ALL MINE!
NOBODY'LL EVER GET
MY GOLD!







LATER...

WHILE THE INDIANS ARE PATCHING UP THE CHIEF, WE'LL SCOUT AROUND AND SEE IF WE CAN FIND THE ANSWER TO OUR MYSTERY!

DIAMOND! LOOK OVER THERE! IT'S ANOTHER ONE! GUESS HE'S DONE FOR!



YOU WERE ONLY HALF RIGHT, BUMPER! THIS ONE STILL HAS A SPARK OF LIFE IN HIM, ONLY I'M AFRAID IT'S BURNING OUT FAST!

HE'S TRYING TO TALK



LOOKS LIKE I AIN'T GOIN' TO MAKE THAT LAST BIG BOONANZA, EH MARSHAL? (COUGH-COUGH) LOOKED LIKE THE GOLD WAS RIGHT IN OUR POCKETS, THEN WE HAD TO SCARE THE INJUNS OFF! JUST WHEN THEY WAS READY TO MOVE, YOU COME SNOOPIN' AROUND... (COUGH)

TAKE IT EASY, MISTER...



AHH... DON'T MAKE NO MIND ABOUT ME, I KNOW I AIN'T GOT LONG... AND IT DOES ME GOOD TO GET THIS OFF MY CHEST... I RECKON I WAS READY TO DO MOST ANYTHING FOR THAT PAY DIRT 'CEPT KILL! I DREW THE LINE THERE! THEN TRIX WENT LOGO AND GIVE IT TO ME IN THE BACK! WELL... HEH, HEH... I RETURNED THE FAVOR RIGHT BETWEEN THE SHOULDER BLADES... HEH, HEH...



WELL, IN A WAY THE SCORES ARE EVENED UP OLD TIMER... WE OWE YOU OUR LIVES... AND TRIX GOT HIS GOLD—HE'S LAYING ON A MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF IT... HE'S PROBABLY THE RICHEST DEAD MAN IN THE WEST!

HE CAN'T HEAR YOU ANY MORE, DIAMOND!



I SURE HATED TO BURY THAT OLD MINER! HE WAS A GOOD FELLOW AT HEART! IT'S A TERRIBLE THING WHAT THE GOLD LUST WILL DO TO MEN!

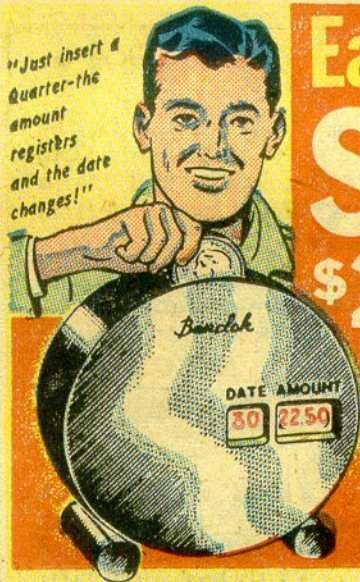
DIAMOND! LOOK! THOSE INDIAN KIDS ARE THROWING GOLDEN NUGGETS AT THOSE BIRDS!



IRONICAL, ISN'T IT? THEY'RE TOSSING AWAY A MILLION DOLLARS AND NOT A HUNDRED FEET AWAY LAY TWO DEAD MEN WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR THE SAME PIECES OF "ROCK"! LET'S GO, BUMPER! WE'VE GOT WORK TO DO!

THE END

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SQUEEKS
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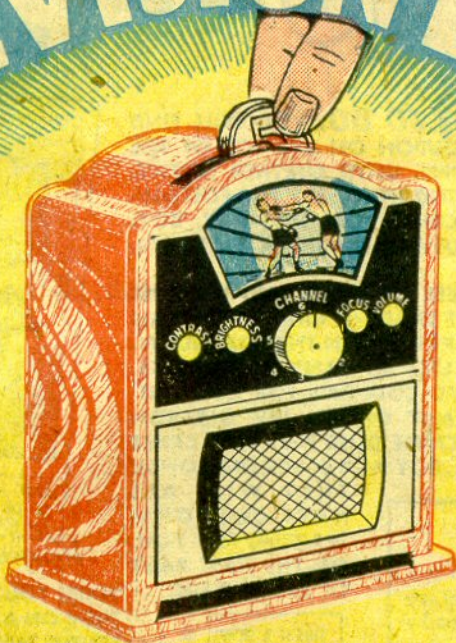
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GANG!

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- AND . . . MAKES YOUR SAVINGS MOUNT UP FAST!



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Name _____
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City _____ Zone _____ State _____

I enclose \$1.98. You pay postage. Same money-back fee.

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BLACK DIAMOND

MEETS CHIEF VICTORIO IN "THE APACHE REIGN OF TERROR"



CHIEF VICTORIO
SAYS WE MUST SLAY
ALL WHITE
INVADERS!

THEY
GRAY FOX'S
SCOUTS!
KILL!

IN ARIZONA IN THE 1880'S THERE WERE MANY SKIRMISHES BETWEEN THE VIOLENT APACHES AND THE WHITE MAN! HEREWITH UNFOLDS ONE OF THE MOST TERRIFYING OF THESE IN WHICH BLACK DIAMOND AND BUMPER ARE INVOLVED! GRAY-HAIRED GENERAL CROOK REFERRED TO BY THE INDIANS AS "GRAY FOX", IN DESPERATION CALLS UPON OUR TWO HEROES TO HELP BREAK UP A DECEITFUL, TREACHEROUS MOB KNOWN AS THE INDIAN RING!

WE'LL BE
LUCKY IF WE DO,
DIAMOND! THIS SECTION
IS SUPPOSED TO BE
FULL OF THE WAR-
LIKE INDIANS!

WE COULDN'T
HAVE GONE MUCH
FURTHER WITHOUT
WATER. BUMPER! NOW
IF WE CAN JUST REACH
TUCSON BEFORE WE
RUN INTO
APACHES...

OUR STORY OPENS AS DANE EVANS, A WIDOWER, AND HIS DAUGHTER, ABBY, AND SON, DICK, ARE HEADED WEST IN SEARCH OF A NEW HOME WITH HOPES OF HAPPINESS IN THEIR HEARTS! BUT THOSE HOPES ARE TO BE SHORT-LIVED...

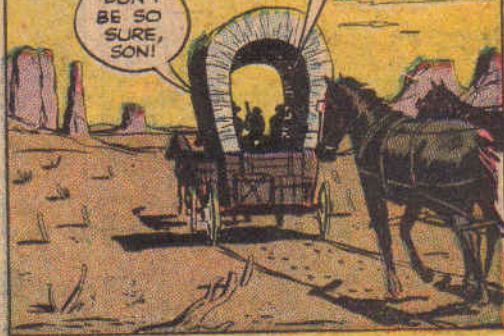
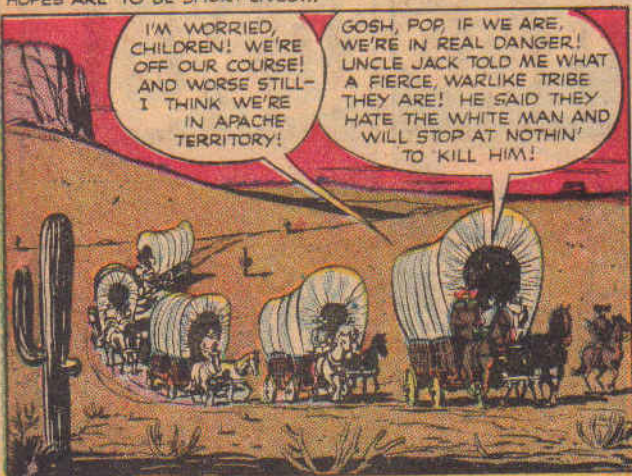
I'M WORRIED, CHILDREN! WE'RE OFF OUR COURSE! AND WORSE STILL—I THINK WE'RE IN APACHE TERRITORY!

GOSH, POP, IF WE ARE, WE'RE IN REAL DANGER! UNCLE JACK TOLD ME WHAT A FIERCE, WARLIKE TRIBE THEY ARE! HE SAID THEY HATE THE WHITE MAN AND WILL STOP AT NOthin' TO KILL HIM!

THAT'S RIGHT, DICK, AND ANOTHER THING ABOUT THE APACHES—THEY'RE VERY CLEVER—YOU NEVER CAN BE SURE JUST WHEN OR HOW THEY'LL STRIKE!

I CAN SEE FOR MILES, POP! WE'RE SAFE FOR A WHILE AT LEAST!

DON'T BE SO SURE, SON!



DANE EVANS WAS RIGHT...FOR LESS THAN A MINUTE LATER, A SWARM OF THE TREACHEROUS APACHES, WHO WERE COMPLETELY HIDDEN IN THE SAND, BREATHING THROUGH HOLLOW REEDS, SPRING UP AND SURROUND THE WAGON TRAIN!

YIIII! KILL WHITE ENEMY!!

YES, OH GREAT CHIEF VICTORIO!



APACHES! GREAT SCOTT! THE DEVILS WERE HIDING IN THE SAND! QUICK—BOTH OF YOU—INTO THE WAGON AND LIE FLAT—KEEP YOURSELVES COVERED!

NO! PLEASE, POP—LET US HELP YOU FIGHT THEM, HUH?

FATHER, I'M FRIGHTENED!



BEFORE EVANS CAN ANSWER, AN APACHE RIFLE FINDS ITS MARK...

SIS! THEY'VE SHOT POP!

HURRY, DICK—GET HIM INTO THE WAGON!



SHORTLY LATER, THEIR MISSION FULFILLED, AND WITH ONLY ABBY AND DICK SURVIVING, CHIEF VICTORIO DISCUSSES THEIR FATE...

ME KILL LAST TWO ENEMIES, GREAT CHIEF!

NO! WE TAKE THEM WITH US!



PLEASE, CHIEF, PLEASE LET US GO!

BRING THE GIRL AND BOY ALONG! IF THEY CAN'T KEEP UP WITH US, THEY DIE! PICK UP ALL CARTRIDGES! WE NEED EVERY BULLET—HURRY!



MEANWHILE, AT U.S. ARMY HEADQUARTERS, GENERAL CROOK HAS SUMMONED BLACK DIAMOND FOR HELP.

GENERAL CROOK, THE GOVERNOR OF THE TERRITORY HAS ORDERED ME TO REPORT TO YOU! HE SAYS THE APACHES ARE ON THE WARPATH AGAIN!

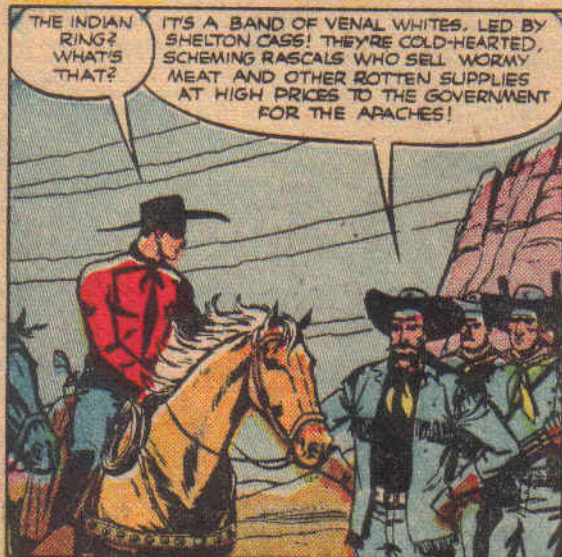
THEY SURE ARE, BLACK DIAMOND, AND I NEED YOU AS A SCOUT! MY TROOPERS CAN'T OVERTAKE VICTORIO ON THE WORN OUT OLD PLUGS WE'RE SUPPLIED WITH!

RELIAPON AND EL LOBO CAN OUTFRAN A JACKRABBIT, GENERAL!

TAKE CARE, MARSHAL, THE APACHES WILL AMBUSH YOU IF THEY CAN, AND THAT WOULD MEAN A VERY TORTUROUS DEATH!

WE'LL TAKE OUR CHANCES! MAYBE WE CAN FIGURE OUT HOW TO STOP THOSE SAVAGE APACHES AND SAVE THE TERRITORY FROM RUIN!

I DON'T BLAME VICTORJO AND HIS APACHES ENTIRELY! THEY WERE DRIVEN INTO THIS BY THE INDIAN RING, BUT THAT'S STILL NO EXCUSE FOR THEIR BRUTAL TACTICS!



THE INDIAN RING? WHAT'S THAT?

IT'S A BAND OF VENAL WHITES, LED BY SHELTON CASS! THEY'RE GOLD-HEARTED, SCHEMING RASCALS WHO SELL WORMY MEAT AND OTHER ROTTEN SUPPLIES AT HIGH PRICES TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE APACHES!



VICTORJO SETTLED HIS PEOPLE ON GOOD LANDS GIVEN THEM, BUT THE RING HAD THEM PUT OFF, BY BRIBERY, AND THIS IS THE RESULT! CASS' HEADQUARTERS ARE IN TUCSON!

I'LL SEE CASS LATER! THERE'S SMOKE IN THE SKY—SOMETHING'S UP! WE'LL BE ON OUR WAY! GOOD-BY, GENERAL!



LATER:

IT'S APACHE'S WORK, BUMPER! AND THE WHITES ARE ACTUALLY TO BLAME!

WE'LL WRING THAT RING'S NECK, DIAMOND!



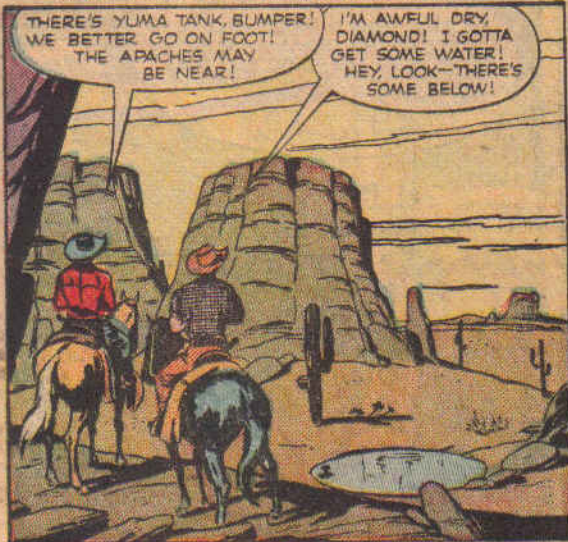
LOOK! 'ABBY WARREN' THERE WAS A WOMAN IN THE TRAIN! THEY MUST HAVE CARRIED HER OFF! SOMETIMES THEY ENSLAVE WOMEN AND BOYS! THAT'S WORSE THAN DEATH!

APACHES SELDOM SPARE ANYBODY, BUT IF SHE'S ALIVE WE GOT TO TRY AND SAVE HER!

AFTER THREE DAYS OF TIREISOME RIDING...

THERE'S YUMA TANK, BUMPER!
WE BETTER GO ON FOOT!
THE APACHES MAY
BE NEAR!

I'M AWFUL DRY,
DIAMOND! I GOTTA
GET SOME WATER!
HEY, LOOK--THERE'S
SOME BELOW!



LOOK--GRAY FOX'S
SCOUTS!

CHIEF VICTORIO SAY
WE MUST SLAY ALL
THE WHITE INVADERS!
KILL! KILL!



RELIAPON SPOTS THE FIERCE
SAVAGES AND BAYS OUT HIS
WARNING SIGNAL...



IT'S APACHES!
RELIAPON
SCENTED
THEM!

QUICK! DIVE
BACK OF
THOSE
ROCKS!



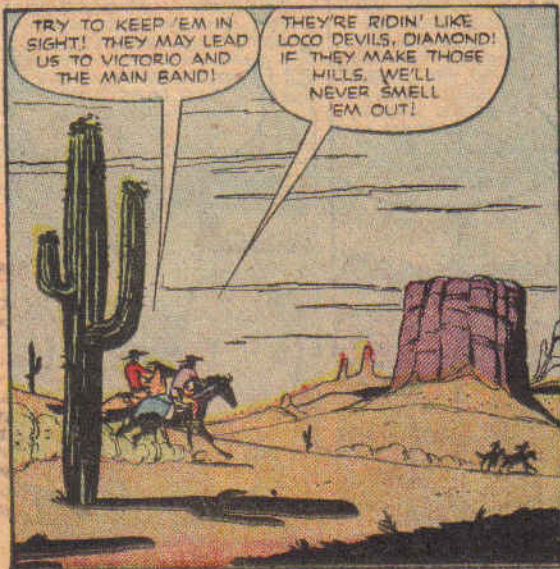
VICTORIO MUST'VE
LEFT GUARDS
ON HIS BACK
TRAIL!

THEY'RE MAKIN'
A RUN FOR IT,
BUMPER! AFTER
'EM, QUICK!



TRY TO KEEP 'EM IN
SIGHT! THEY MAY LEAD
US TO VICTORIO AND
THE MAIN BAND!

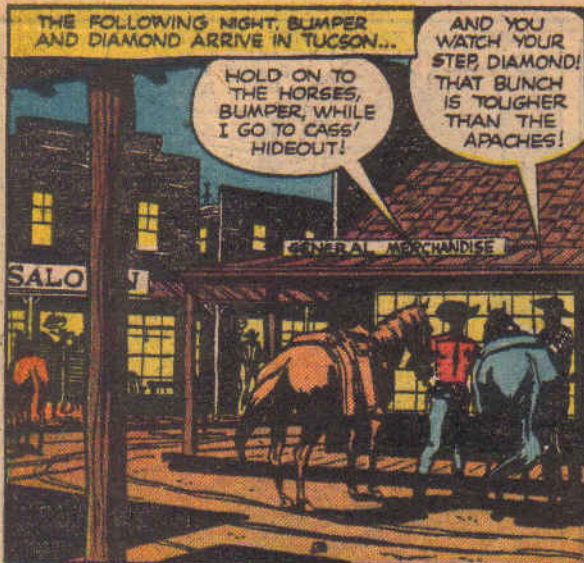
THEY'RE RIDIN' LIKE
LOCO DEVILS, DIAMOND!
IF THEY MAKE THOSE
HILLS, WE'LL
NEVER SMELL
'EM OUT!



THEY MADE IT--DOGGONE!
ONCE THOSE APACHE SIDE-
WINDERS WORK INTO THIS
KIND OF COUNTRY NOBODY
CAN FIND 'EM! I
BET VICTORIO'S A HUNDRED
MILES AWAY BY DAWN!

WE'LL TAKE TURNS
ON GUARD AND HAVE
SOME SHUT-EYE FOR
AN HOUR OR SO! TUCSON
ISN'T FAR AND I AIM TO
TAKE THIS UP WITH
CASS! IN THE LONG RUN
THE WAY TO STOP THE
WAR IS TO SPIKE
THAT INDIAN
RING!





THE FOLLOWING NIGHT, BUMPER AND DIAMOND ARRIVE IN TUCSON...

HOLD ON TO THE HORSES, BUMPER, WHILE I GO TO CASS' HIDEOUT!

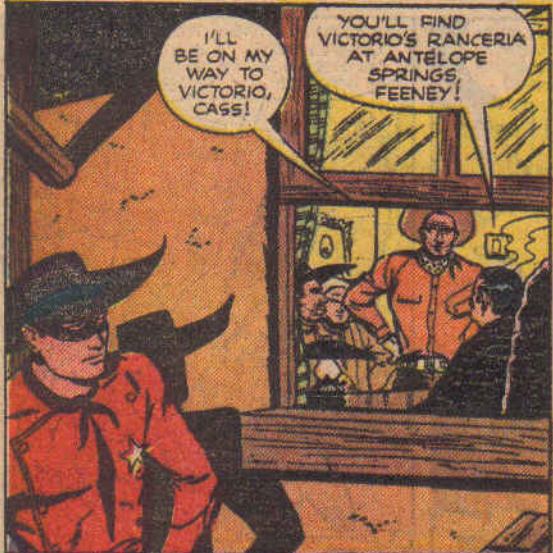
AND YOU WATCH YOUR STEP, DIAMOND! THAT BUNCH IS TOUGHER THAN THE APACHES!



MEANWHILE, AT CASS'S PLACE...

VICTORIO SENT A MESSENGER WITH MONEY LOOTED FROM WAGON TRAINS! MAKE SURE THE AMMO AND GUNS ARE DELIVERED AT ONCE, FEENEY! THE CHIEF'S SHORT OF 'EM, AND REMEMBER—HE'S OUR BEST CUSTOMER!

SURE THING, BOSS!

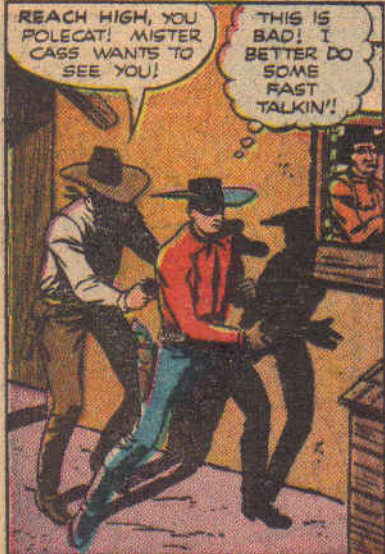


I'LL BE ON MY WAY TO VICTORIO, CASS!

YOU'LL FIND VICTORIO'S RANCIERIA AT ANTELOPE SPRINGS, FEENEY!



CASS IS MY MAN, ALL RIGHT! HIS STOUGE, FEENEY, WILL HEAD ME TO VICTORIO, AND IF THIS RING IS SMASHED, MAYBE THE APACHES WILL SETTLE DOWN!



REACH HIGH, YOU POLECAT! MISTER CASS WANTS TO SEE YOU!

THIS IS BAD! I BETTER DO SOME FAST TALKIN'!



SO! IT'S THE BLACK DIAMOND! MY AGENTS SENT WORD YOU WERE SCOUTING FOR CROOK! WE SAVVY EVERYTHING THAT GOES ON IN ARIZONA!

CASS, YOU HAD THE APACHES DRIVEN OFF THEIR DECENT LANDS INTO THE DESERT WHERE THERE WAS NO WATER, AND THEY COULDN'T EXIST! YOU'LL ANSWER FOR IT ALL!



YOU KNOW A LOT, DON'T YOU? WELL, I KNOW MORE, AND THAT'S YOUR HARD LUCK!

YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR PLENTY OF TREACHERY, CASS, JUST TO MENTION SOME OF IT!..

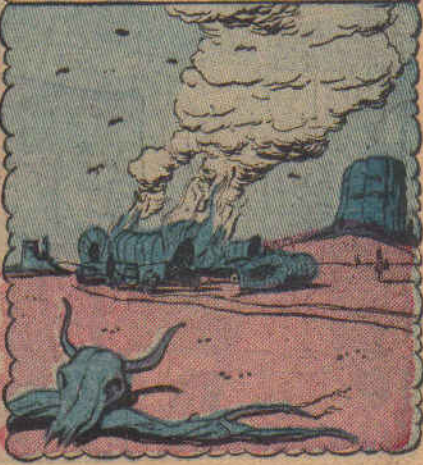
"...YOUR TALKING THE APACHES INTO SLAUGHTERING HELPLESS WHITE SETTLERS SO YOU COULD TAKE THEIR LAND..."



"AMBUSHING AND ROBBING STAGECOACHES..."

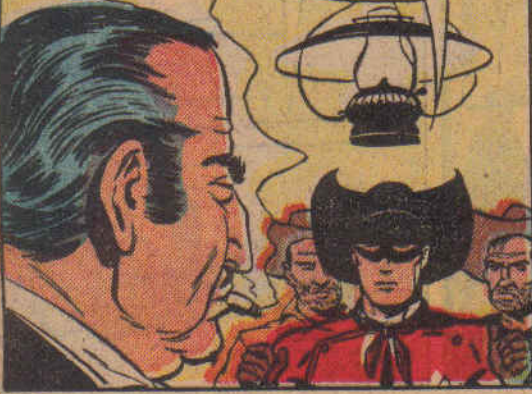


"...AND WORST OF ALL, A WAGON TRAIN THAT WAS LOOTED, THEN BURNED AND I KNOW THE APACHES TOOK A WHITE WOMAN AS CAPTIVE! THE LEAST YOU COULD DO IS SEE THAT SHE IS RELEASED..."



VICTORIO'S A FRIEND OF MINE, AND WHAT MY FRIENDS DO ISN'T MY CONCERN!

A FINE FRIEND OF THE APACHES YOU ARE! THEY'LL BE SHOT LIKE WOLVES OR IMPRISONED SOONER OR LATER! IF IT WASN'T FOR YOU, WE'D PROBABLY HAVE PEACE IN ARIZONA!



PEACE! WE DON'T WANT PEACE, YOU FOOL—IT DOESN'T PAY OFF!

I KNOW! IF THE APACHES CAN MAKE A DECENT LIVING, YOU CAN'T UNLOAD ROTTEN SUPPLIES ON THE GOVERNMENT FOR 'EM! YOU GRABBED THEIR GOOD LANDS—BY SUPPLYING ARMS TO VICTORIO! YOU'RE AS ROTTEN AS THE MEAT YOU SELL, CASS!



KEEP A CIVIL TONGUE IN YOUR HEAD, DIAMOND!

GIVE IT TO THE DOG, BOSS!



SO YOU WANT TO FIND THE APACHES! WELL, I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU A HAND, DIAMOND!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?





TEX, GAG THIS MAN AND RUN HIM OUT BACK! TELL FEENEY TO LOAD HIM IN A WAGON AND TURN HIM OVER TO VICTORIO!

SURE THING, BOSS! THE APACHES WILL PULL HIM APART INCH BY INCH!



LISTEN, FEENEY, THE BOSS SAYS THERE'S ANOTHER PIECE OF CARGO FOR VICTORIO! LOOK WHAT IT IS!

HOLY COW! IT'S THE BLACK DIAMOND! AIN'T HE WORKIN' FOR CROOK?



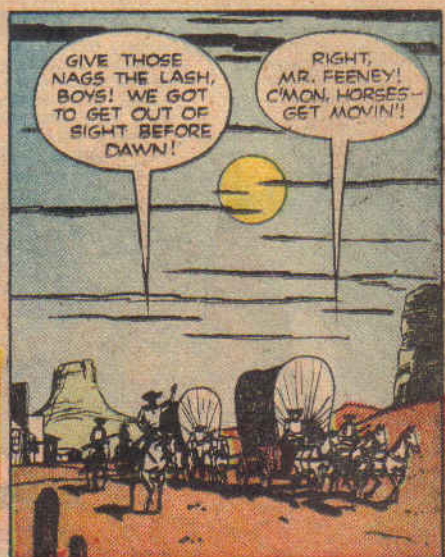
RIGHT—WE CAUGHT HIM SNOOPIN', AND CASS IS PAYIN' HIM OFF!

FINE! VICTORIO SAVVIES WHAT TO DO WITH HOUNDS LIKE YOU, DIAMOND! HE'LL HAVE SOME FUN WITH YOU AND THEN STAKE YOU ON AN ANT HILL! I'LL BE GLAD TO WATCH! TIE HIS ANKLES, GREG!



YEAH, DIAMOND, THE APACHES WILL SURE HAVE A TIME WITH YOU BEFORE THEY LET YOU DIE!

LET'S GET ROLLIN', FEENEY! IT'S LATE!



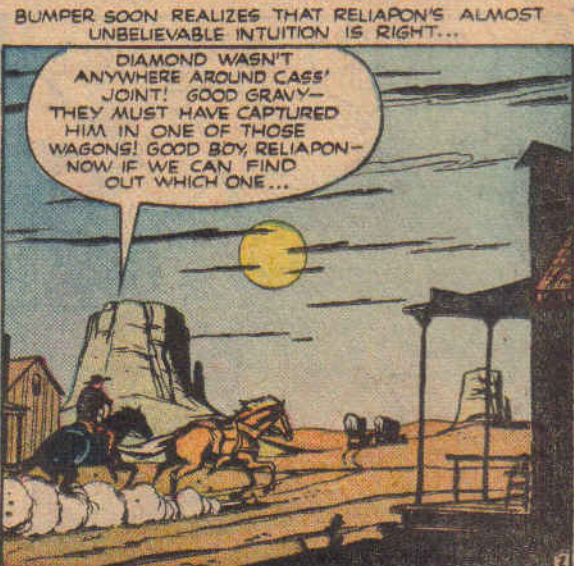
GIVE THOSE NAGS THE LASH, BOYS! WE GOT TO GET OUT OF SIGHT BEFORE DAWN!

RIGHT, MR. FEENEY! C'MON, HORSES—GET MOVIN'!



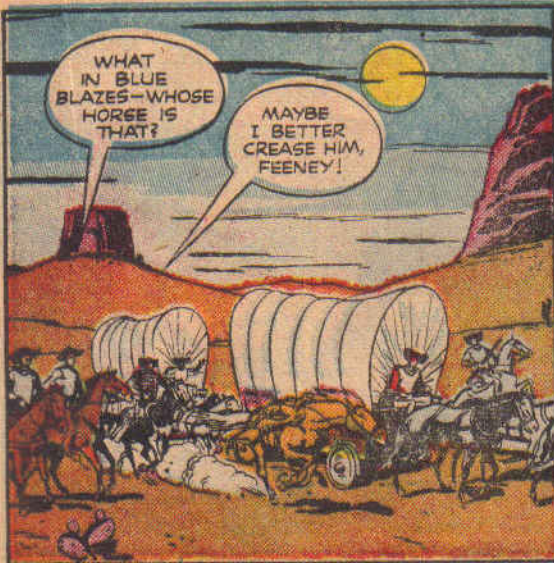
MEANWHILE...

DIAMOND'S SURE TAKING A LONG TIME! HEY, WHAT'S BOTHERING YOU, RELIAPON? YOU TRYING TO TELL ME SOMETHING? OH, ALL RIGHT, I'LL GO ALONG! WATCH OUT WE DON'T BUMP INTO CASS, THOUGH!



BUMPER SOON REALIZES THAT RELIAPON'S ALMOST UNBELIEVABLE INTUITION IS RIGHT...

DIAMOND WASN'T ANYWHERE AROUND CASS' JOINT! GOOD GRAVY—THEY MUST HAVE CAPTURED HIM IN ONE OF THOSE WAGONS! GOOD BOY, RELIAPON—NOW IF WE CAN FIND OUT WHICH ONE...



WHAT IN BLUE BLAZES—WHOSE HORSE IS THAT?

MAYBE I BETTER CREASE HIM, FEENEY!



SHOOT HIM DOWN!

WATCH OUT! WE'RE TURNING OVER!

BANG!



DIAMOND—YOU IN THERE?

BANG! BANG!

STOP 'EM! STOP 'EM! THEY'RE RESCUING DIAMOND! OUCH—MY SHOULDER!



QUICKLY BUMPER THROWS BLACK DIAMOND OVER RELIAPON'S BACK...

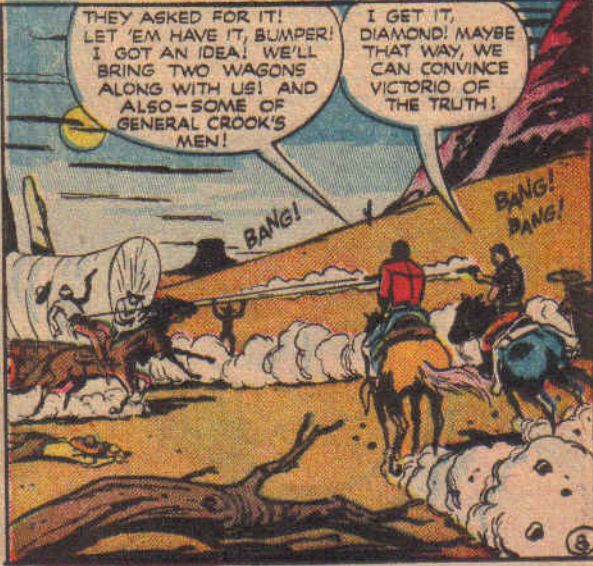
SHOOT, YOU FOOLS! THEY'RE ESCAPING!

RUN FOR IT, RELIAPON! GIDDAP!



THANKS FOR SETTING ME, LOOSE, BUMPER! FEENEY'S WOUNDED AND THAT DRIVER'S PINNED UNDER THE WAGON! THE OTHERS ARE TOO BUSY WITH THOSE HORSES TO FIGHT! NOW'S OUR CHANCE! LET'S GET TO THE APACHES! BUT FIRST, LET'S BE SURE THEY CAN'T GET TO 'EM!

I'M WITH YOU, DIAMOND—LET'S GO!



THEY ASKED FOR IT! LET 'EM HAVE IT, BUMPER! I GOT AN IDEA! WE'LL BRING TWO WAGONS ALONG WITH US! AND ALSO—SOME OF GENERAL CROOK'S MEN!

I GET IT, DIAMOND! MAYBE THAT WAY, WE CAN CONVINCE VICTORIO OF THE TRUTH!

BANG!

BANG! BANG!

HOURS LATER, AT CHIEF VICTORIO'S RANCHERIA ...

TWO WAGONS APPROACH, CHIEF VICTORIO!

THEY ARE CASS! BRINGING GUNS AND BULLETS FOR THE NEW RAIDS! ESCORT THEM SAFELY IN!



APACHES! WE HAVE THE GUNS FOR THE GREAT CHIEF VICTORIO! GUNS FROM MISTER CASS!

PASS! VICTORIO WAITS!



YOU HAVE WHAT VICTORIO NEEDS!

EXACTLY WHAT THE APACHES NEED!



NOW THAT WE HAVE THE NEW GUNS AND PLENTY OF LOADS, THE APACHES WILL KILL EVERY WHITE ENEMY IN THE SOUTHWEST!

YES, CHIEF, BUT YOUR REAL ENEMIES ARE THE MEN WHO HAVE CHEATED AND LIED TO YOU, AND CASS IS THE WORST OF THE LOT!



THAT'S THE TRUTH, VICTORIO! CASS SECRETLY HAD THE APACHES PUT OFF THEIR GOOD LANDS AND SENT INTO THE DESERT TO SUFFER!

YOU ARE WRONG! CASS IS THE APACHES' FRIEND! HE SENDS US GUNS!



WHO CAN THAT MASKED MAN BE, DICK?

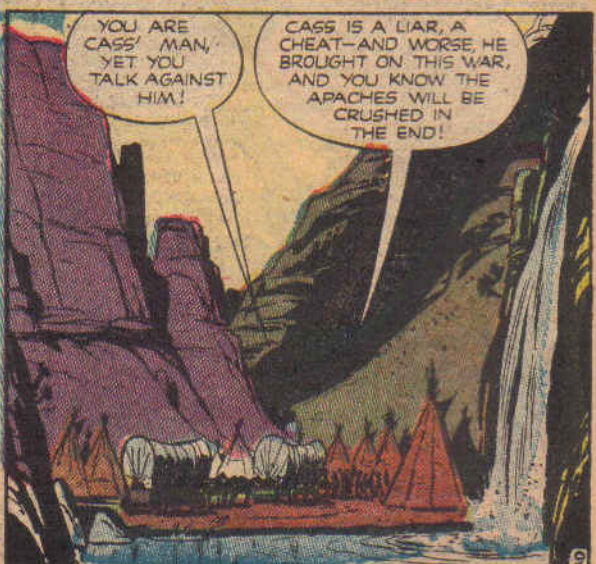
I DON'T KNOW, ABBY!

YES, BUT AT A HIGH PRICE! THE INDIAN RING DOESN'T WANT THE APACHES AT PEACE! THEY MAKE MONEY WHEN YOU'RE AT WAR!



YOU ARE CASS' MAN, YET YOU TALK AGAINST HIM!

CASS IS A LIAR, A CHEAT—AND WORSE, HE BROUGHT ON THIS WAR, AND YOU KNOW THE APACHES WILL BE CRUSHED IN THE END!



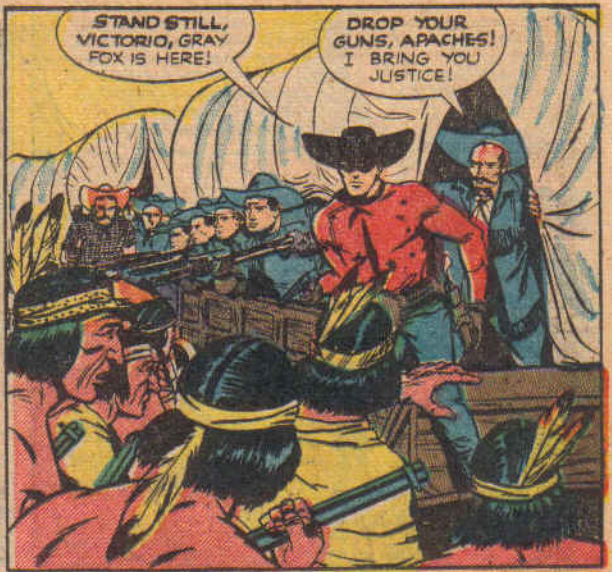
SUDDENLY...

NOW!



STAND STILL, VICTORIO, GRAY FOX IS HERE!

DROP YOUR GUNS, APACHES! I BRING YOU JUSTICE!



GRAY FOX!

GENERAL CROOK AND THE BLACK DIAMOND WILL HELP THE APACHES IF THEY SURRENDER!

THE BLACK DIAMOND SPEAKS TRUE, VICTORIO! WE'LL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE FOR YOUR PEOPLE!

GRAY FOX ALWAYS KEEPS HIS WORD! THE APACHES KNOW HE IS AN HONORABLE WARRIOR!



DON'T SHOOT, APACHES! VICTORIO WILL PARLEY!



BLACK DIAMOND TELLS OF CASS' MISDEEDS...

...AND THAT'S HOW CASS TRICKED THE APACHES! GRAY FOX WILL VOUCH FOR IT!

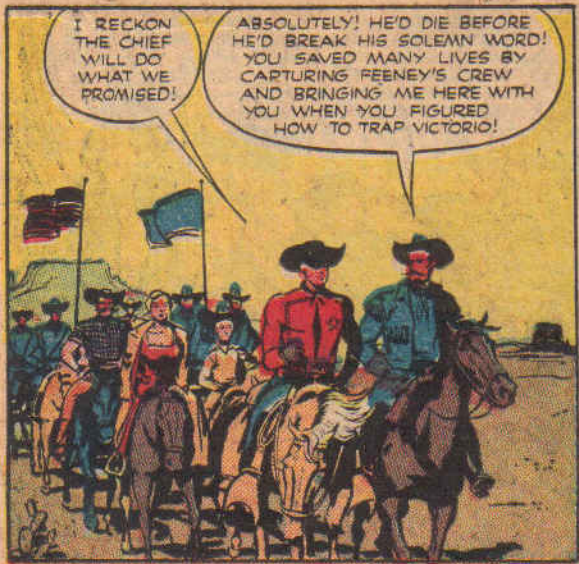
EVERYTHING THE MARSHAL SAYS IS FACT, VICTORIO! LEAD YOUR MEN BACK TO WARM SPRINGS RESERVATION AND CAMP THERE UNTIL YOU HEAR FROM ME!



THE WAR IS OVER, APACHES! WE GO BACK TO WARM SPRINGS! GRAY FOX AND DIAMOND WILL SEE JUSTICE DONE!

THAT'S THE TICKET, VICTORIO! AND WE WILL TAKE THE WHITE GIRL AND BOY OFF YOUR HANDS!





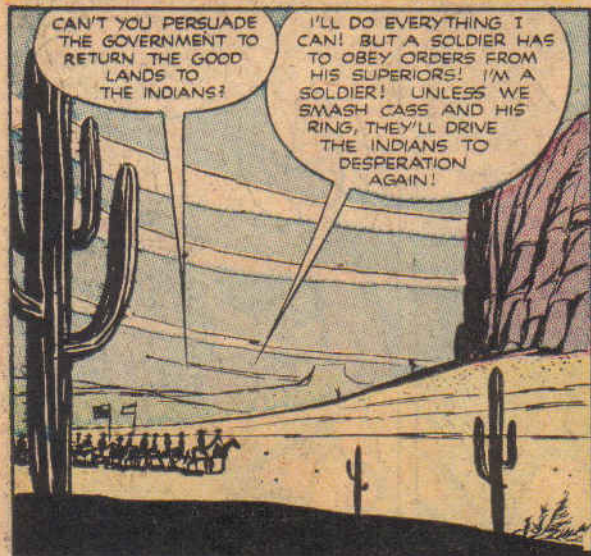
I RECKON THE CHIEF WILL DO WHAT WE PROMISED!

ABSOLUTELY! HE'D DIE BEFORE HE'D BREAK HIS SOLEMN WORD! YOU SAVED MANY LIVES BY CAPTURING FEENEY'S CREW AND BRINGING ME HERE WITH YOU WHEN YOU FIGURED HOW TO TRAP VICTORIO!



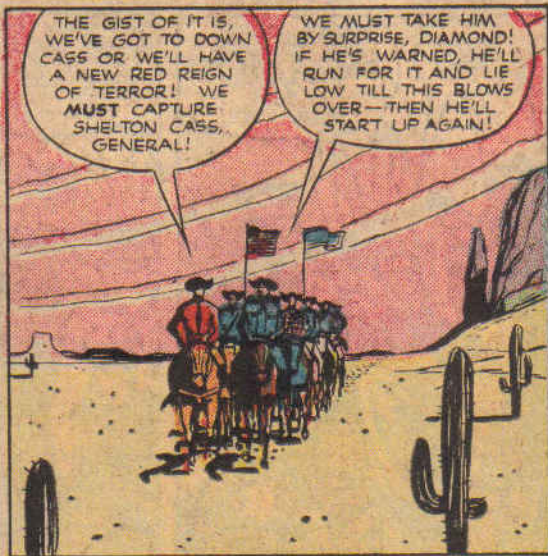
THEN THE WAR IS OVER, GENERAL!

FOR THE TIME BEING, BUT I, TOO, MUST KEEP MY WORD TO THE APACHES, OR THEY'LL TAKE THE WAR-PATH ONCE MORE!



CAN'T YOU PERSUADE THE GOVERNMENT TO RETURN THE GOOD LANDS TO THE INDIANS?

I'LL DO EVERYTHING I CAN! BUT A SOLDIER HAS TO OBEY ORDERS FROM HIS SUPERIORS! I'M A SOLDIER! UNLESS WE SMASH CASS AND HIS RING, THEY'LL DRIVE THE INDIANS TO DESPERATION AGAIN!



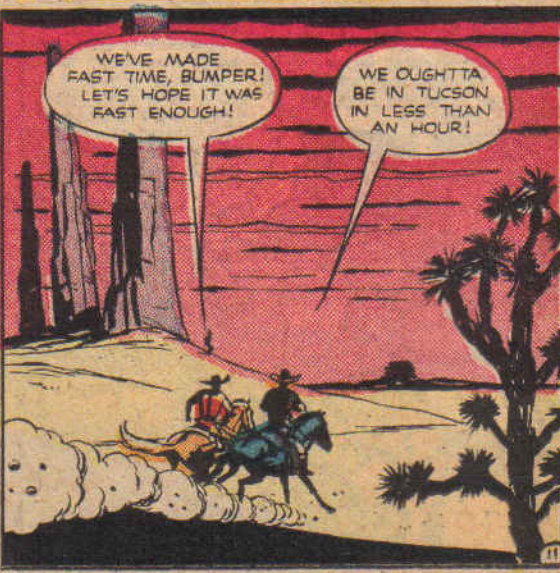
THE GIST OF IT IS, WE'VE GOT TO DOWN CASS OR WE'LL HAVE A NEW RED REIGN OF TERROR! WE MUST CAPTURE SHELTON CASS, GENERAL!

WE MUST TAKE HIM BY SURPRISE, DIAMOND! IF HE'S WARNED, HE'LL RUN FOR IT AND LIE LOW TILL THIS BLOWS OVER—THEN HE'LL START UP AGAIN!



WE CAN MAKE BETTER TIME THAN YOU, GENERAL! WE'LL RIDE ON AHEAD! WE CAN CATCH CASS BEFORE HE GETS WIND OF WHAT'S HAPPENED!

GO TO IT, AND LUCK, MARSHAL! SEE YOU IN TUCSON!



WE'VE MADE FAST TIME, BUMPER! LET'S HOPE IT WAS FAST ENOUGH!

WE OUGHTTA BE IN TUCSON IN LESS THAN AN HOUR!

SHORTLY LATER...

YES, MISTER CASS, I TELL YOU IT IS SO! FEENEY IS CAPTURED! DIAMOND AND GRAY FOX CAUGHT VICTORIO BY TRICK AND ARE COMING AFTER YOU!

THE BLACK DIAMOND! HOW DID HE ESCAPE? I SHOULD HAVE PUT A SLUG THROUGH HIM!



SADDLE MY HORSE PRONTO, WERNER! I'LL RUN FOR IT, BUT I'LL SEE TO IT DIAMOND AND CROOK PAY FOR THIS! I HAVE THE INFLUENCE TO DO IT!

SURE YOU HAVE, BOSS! IN A FEW DAYS, THEY'LL WISH THEY'D NEVER HORNED IN ON THE INDIAN RING!



HEY—WHAT'S THAT? SOME-ONE'S OUTSIDE THERE!



BLACK DIAMOND!! RIGHT, CASS—YOU'RE UNDER ARREST! DROP THAT GUN OR I'LL FIRE!



YOU ASKED FOR IT, CASS!

YOU—AH...H...



GOOD SHOOTIN', DIAMOND! I GOT TWO OF HIS STOOGES TIED UP OUTSIDE!

GENERAL CROOK WILL BE HERE SOON! THIS ENDS THE INDIAN RING!

GENERAL CROOK SOON ARRIVED AND TOOK OVER! THE INDIAN RING WAS FINISHED AND THE APACHES CEASED TO PLUNDER AND KILL THE WHITE MAN—TEMPORARILY AT LEAST! ABBY AND DICK EVANS WERE RELEASED AND ABBY'S SISTER AND BROTHER-IN-LAW CAME TO TAKE THEM BACK EAST!



WE'RE TERRIBLY UPSET WHEN WE HEARD ABOUT DAD, BUT THANK HEAVENS, YOU AND DICK ARE SAFE! IT WILL BE NICE TO HAVE YOU WITH US HERE!

GETTING RID OF CASS HAS CALMED DOWN THE APACHES! LET'S HOPE THEY STAY THAT WAY! MEANWHILE, LET'S GET HOME FOR SOME MUCH-NEEDED REST!

I'M WITH YOU, DIAMOND! LET'S GO!

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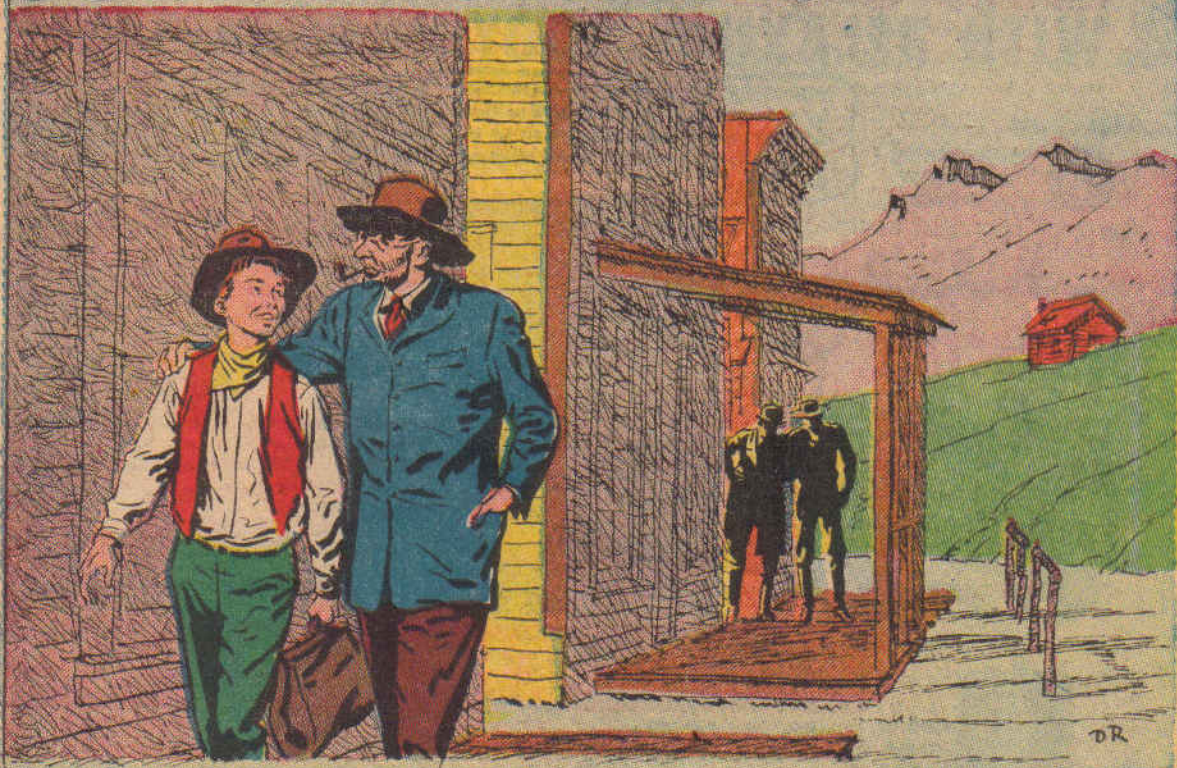
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"THAT Johnny Collins is gettin' just a little bit too big for his boots," muttered Clem to his partner Jeff.

"I been noticin' that," drawled Jeff. "What are ya aimin' to do?"

"Just keep my eye on him, I guess," answered Clem. "You watch him too."

"I been watchin' him," continued Jeff. "I've been watchin' him grow. If he'd just stayed as little as he was when his pa brought him out here we would have nothin' to worry about."

"Guess you're right," Clem mused as he leaned back in his chair, put his feet on the stove in the center of the floor in their store. "His old man is off in a dream world. It's too bad the kid doesn't take after him."

"The Professor wouldn't know a lode from the broad side of a barn," continued Jeff, "but that kid of his is gettin' sharper every day."

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Johnny Collins mused as he followed his father up the mountain on a brisk spring morning. "Maybe today we'll strike! Two years we've been at it and nothing to show for it. Oh, I hope, I hope today is the day."

The Professor turned to Johnny as they trudged up the mountainside. "Well, Johnny, maybe this is it!"

"That's just what I was thinking, Pop," answered Johnny in high spirits.

The day wore on as the two prospectors, young and old, followed the lure of gold. The Professor worked in an absent-minded fashion, Johnny with a vengeance. The Professor had earned himself the title by rights. He was a professor in his younger days, but after the death of his wife and many financial reverses, he had followed those with gold fever merely to leave his problems behind, rather than with any particular hope of finding gold. Johnny had followed his father excitedly and each day to him became a new adventure in their eternal search.

Johnny learned more every day about what to look for and where to look for it. He talked eagerly to newcomers and old timers who poured into the boom town. He talked to those who had "struck it rich" and those who had never hit at all. He assembled the facts he picked up and passed on the information to his father. The Professor accepted it for what it was worth and continued prospecting in an absent-minded fashion. Twice they had struck something they were sure was gold and had taken it to be appraised, only to have it termed fool's gold. This was disheartening; however, Johnny's eagerness spurred them on.

The Professor paused to relax in the spring sunshine when he heard an excited call from Johnny who had disappeared over the side of the hill. He got up hurriedly and ran to where Johnny was working with his pick.

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"Well, well—I hope you're right, Johnny. If you are—right here we'll start the 'Little Johnny Mine,'" said his father.

"We can't call it the 'Little Johnny,' there's already one. This can be the 'Johnny, Jr.' mine," answered Johnny in excitement.

"Well, let's take several pieces of that ore and take it into town quickly and see what our friends Clem and Jeff have to say about its value," said the Professor.

"Wait a minute, Pop," calmly answered Johnny. "Sit down and let's talk this over."

The Professor looked puzzled, but acquiesced, settled himself on a rock and listened to Johnny.

"You know, Pop, I'm suspicious. Let's take this into the city and have it appraised," said Johnny.

"Suspicious of Clem and Jeff?" questioned the Professor in amazement. "We haven't any better friends in town."

"Well," said Johnny, as if to apologize for their friends, "let's keep it that way. But, you remember the last time we thought we struck gold. You took a piece of ore into them. They said, 'No—fool's gold again, Professor.' We accepted their word for it. But, Pop, I'm not saying they did it, but there is now a pretty active mine near the spot where we found that ore."

"But, it's not theirs," added the Professor.

"No," answered Johnny, "but, I'm still suspicious. Let me take this to the city and see. Then we can ask them."

"Okay Johnny, have it your way. Guess you've really picked up more about this mining business than I have. I certainly haven't had my mind on it," concluded the Professor.

Early the next morning Johnny took the stage for the city. The Professor, instead of his usual prospecting, hung around the town all day. Johnny's suspicions had aroused him. He went to the general store run by Clem and Jeff, "Appraisers of Ore."

"Hi, ya, Prof.," greeted Clem, "have you struck something you want us to look at for you?"

"No," answered the Professor, "just dropped in to say hello."

"Where's that smart youngster of yours?" asked Jeff.

"Oh, he took a trip to the city, he'll be back tomorrow," answered the Professor.

"What'd he go there for?" suddenly asked Jeff in surprise.

"Oh, he's always wanted to go but I figured he was too young until now," answered the Professor. "Now," he said with a quick look at Jeff and Clem, "he acts a lot older and wiser than I do."

"I've noticed that," answered Jeff, with a shrewd side glance which was caught and understood by Clem.

The next evening Johnny returned. When the stage drove up to the porch of the hotel, Johnny jumped off and greeted his father effusively. "Hello, Pop. I had a wonderful time!"

"What did you fi—," the Professor was interrupted by Johnny's exuberance.

"What a town! I wish I could have stayed longer. All the bright lights, shows! Gee, Pop, you should have come!" All the while Johnny talked he steered his father away from the hotel as fast as he could. When they were at a safe distance, he whispered to his father, "Don't say anything, Pop. Don't ask any questions. Let's get home."

As the two entered their room in the boarding house, Johnny sat down and in a hushed voice related his luck in the city. "This is it, Pop! It's GOLD! It's real! Let's be sure that claim is staked!"

"But, why are you so quiet about it, Johnny? We've staked the claim already," the Professor answered.

"Well, Pop," continued Johnny in a low voice, "as I drove up tonight I saw Clem and Jeff in the shadows of the porch. I had an idea they wanted to overhear what we said to each other. That's why I obviously didn't say anything. Now I have a plan."

Quite late the next day, Johnny walked nonchalantly into the general store and greeted Jeff and Clem.

"Hi, sonny," drawled Clem, "how'd you find the big city?"

"What a town!" answered Johnny, "but, I've got something better than that to talk about. Look what I found today!" He plunked a large piece of ore on the counter. "Let me know what it's worth. I'll be back later this evening."

Johnny returned to the store later that evening to hear the report.

"Sorry, kid," said Jeff, "I hate to tell you again, but it's fool's gold!"

"Okay, Jeff," answered Johnny, acting disappointed. He walked toward the door, swung it open and the sheriff walked in. Jeff and Clem were so taken by surprise that they went without a murmur with the local law.

It was proved conclusively that Clem and Jeff had set themselves up as appraisers, had called real gold, fool's gold, then had grubstaked other prospectors to dig in the same location, so as not to link their names with the find. The sheriff had been suspicious but the conclusive evidence Johnny brought in was all he needed to lock up the two.

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In 1861, when the Civil War broke out, Stanley enlisted in the Confederate Army but was soon captured. While in the Federal prison camp he was given his freedom by enrolling in the Federal artillery but, was soon discharged because of poor health. Stanley then took to the sea and was shipwrecked off Barcelona. His next act in 1864, was to join the U.S. Navy. After the War, Stanley went out West and became a prominent newspaper reporter. Later, his reporting took him to Asia Minor, to Tibet and to Abyssinia. In 1867, Stanley was hired by the N. Y. Herald and his biggest assignment which changed the course of his future life, was to find a Dr. Livingstone, a missionary and explorer who was "lost" in the heart of Africa. Stanley did find Livingstone and together they explored the source of the Nile. His reports to his newspaper on the search for Livingstone made him famous.

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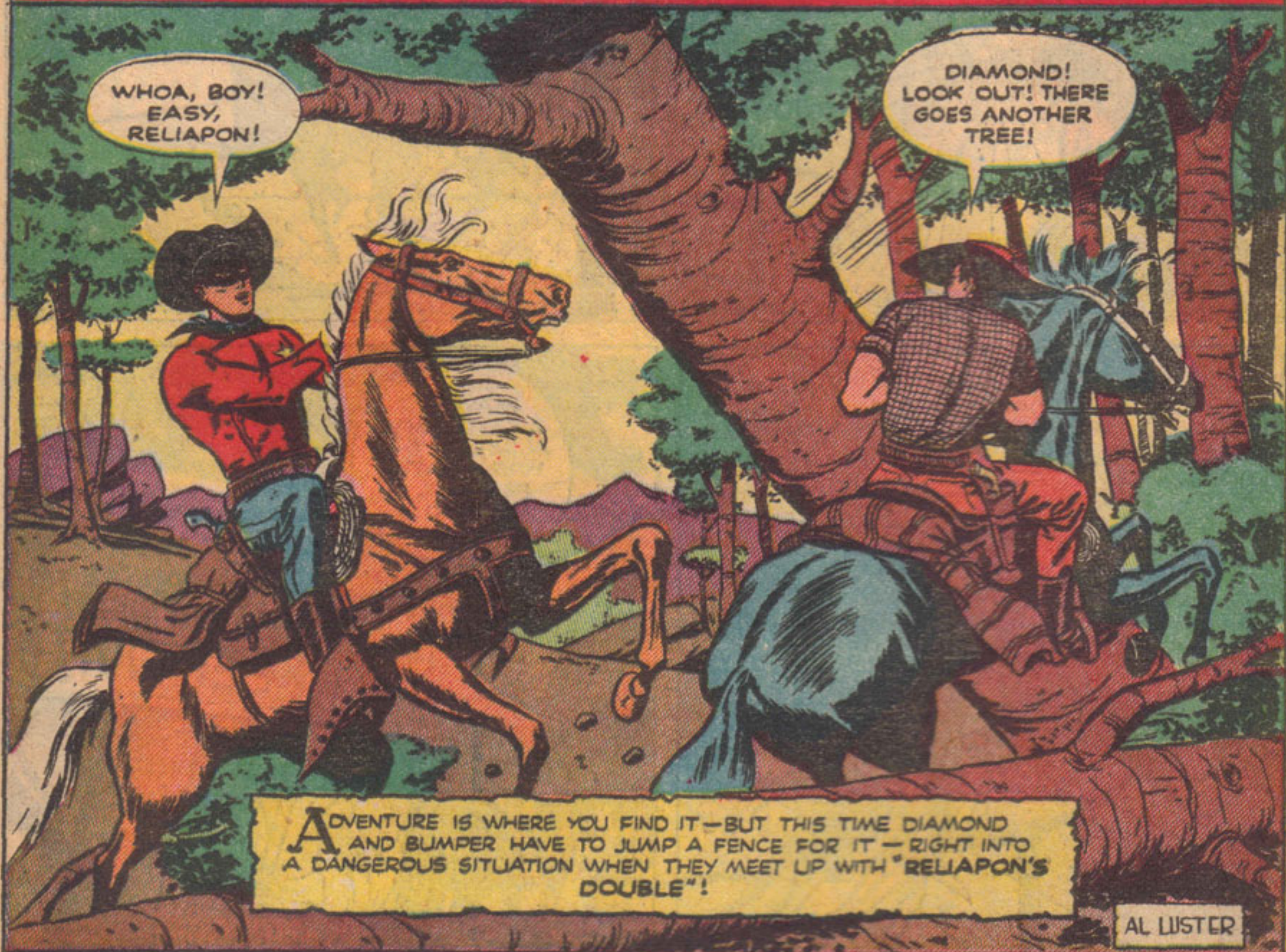
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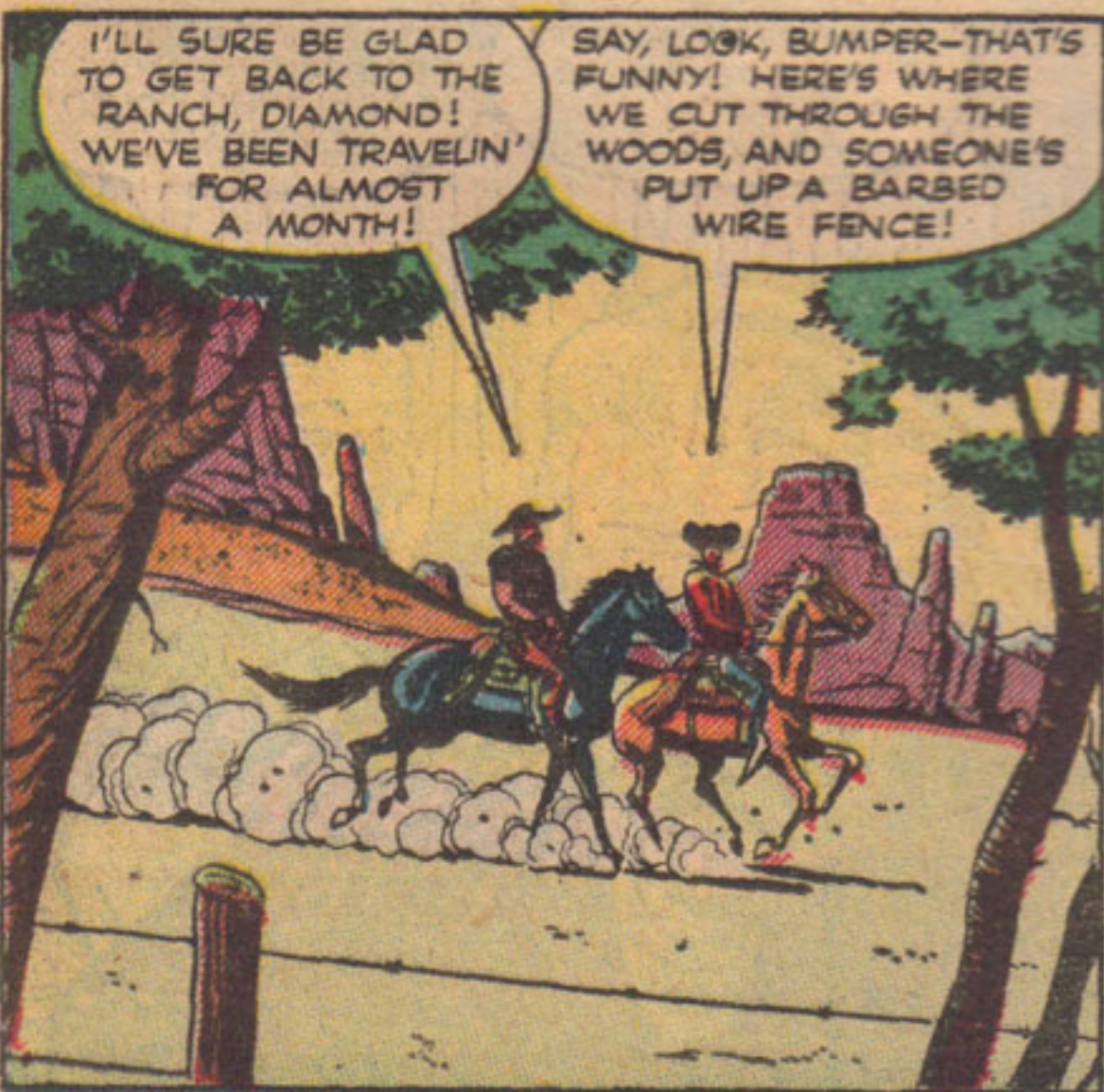


WHOA, BOY!
EASY,
RELIAPON!

DIAMOND!
LOOK OUT! THERE
GOES ANOTHER
TREE!

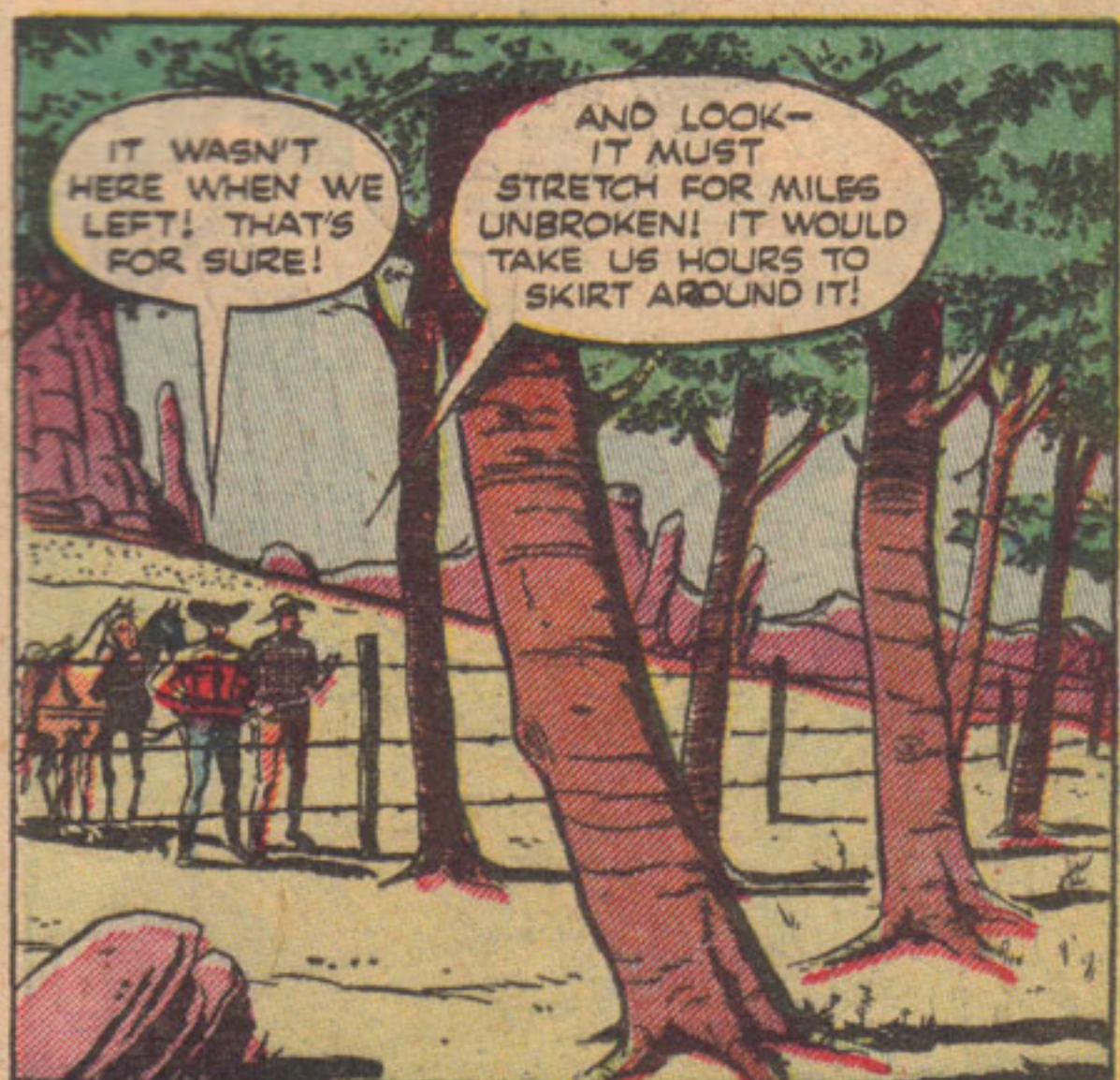
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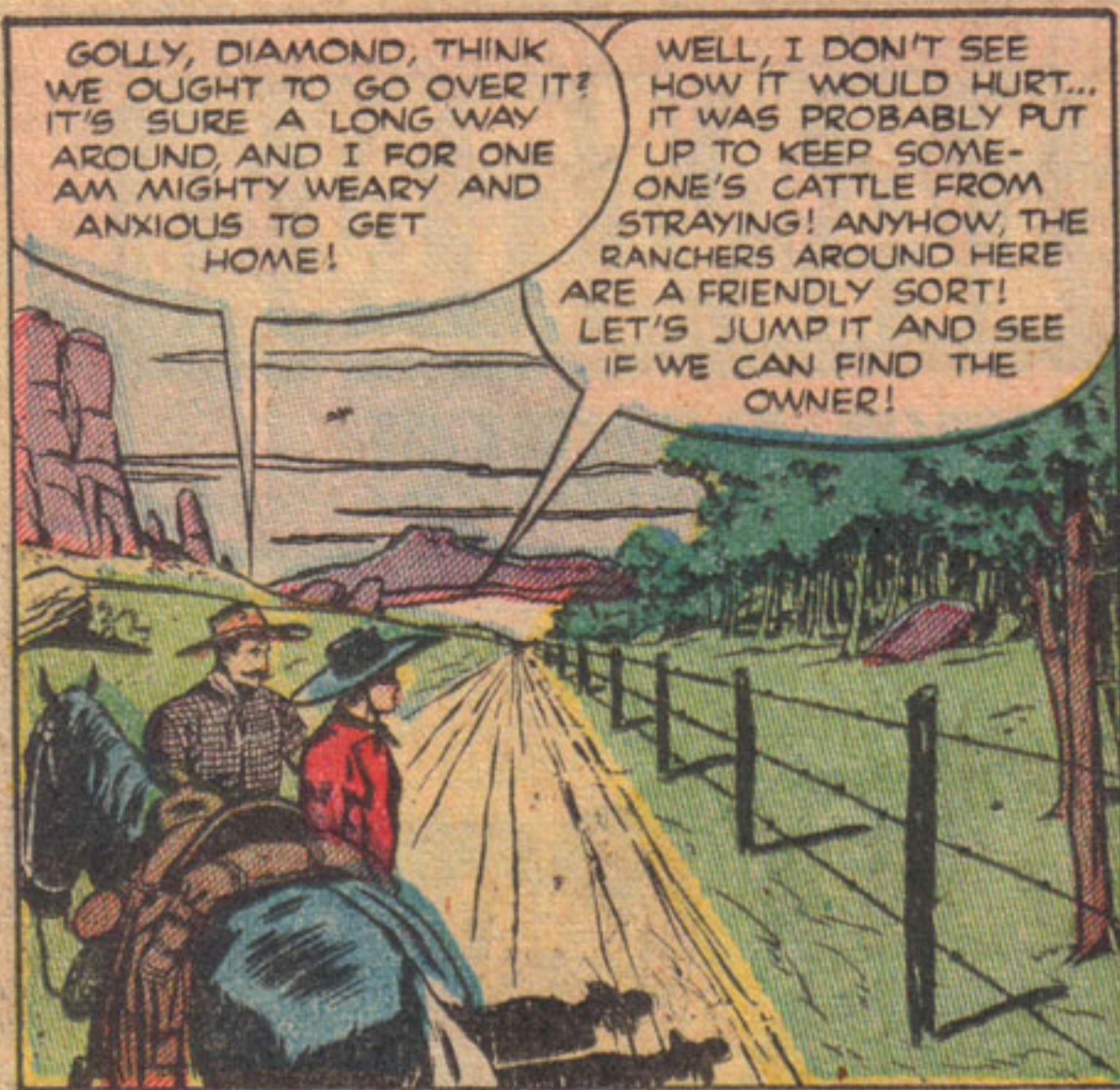
I'LL SURE BE GLAD
TO GET BACK TO THE
RANCH, DIAMOND!
WE'VE BEEN TRAVELIN'
FOR ALMOST
A MONTH!

SAY, LOOK, BUMPER—THAT'S
FUNNY! HERE'S WHERE
WE CUT THROUGH THE
WOODS, AND SOMEONE'S
PUT UP A BARBED
WIRE FENCE!



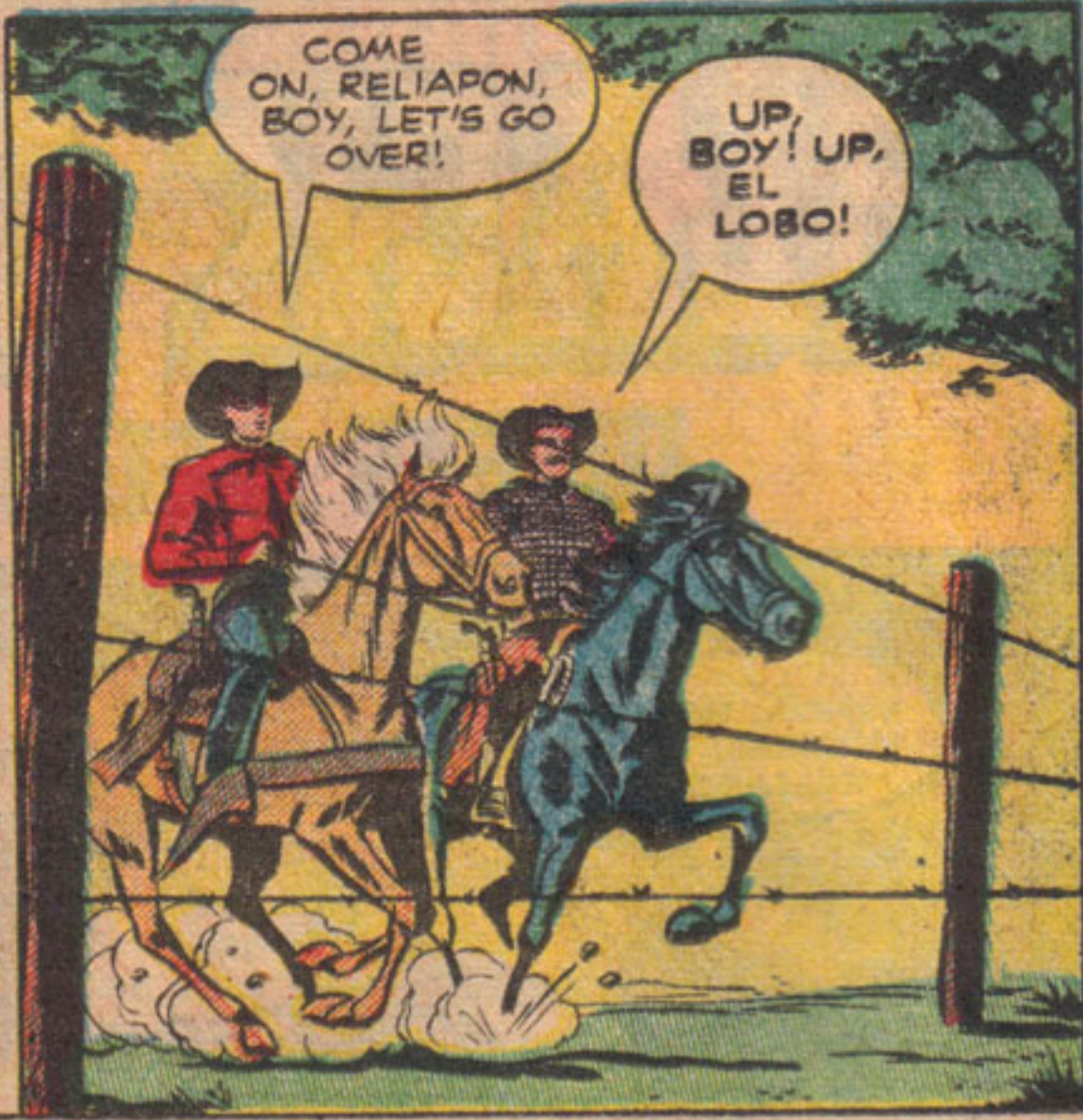
IT WASN'T
HERE WHEN WE
LEFT! THAT'S
FOR SURE!

AND LOOK—
IT MUST
STRETCH FOR MILES
UNBROKEN! IT WOULD
TAKE US HOURS TO
SKIRT AROUND IT!



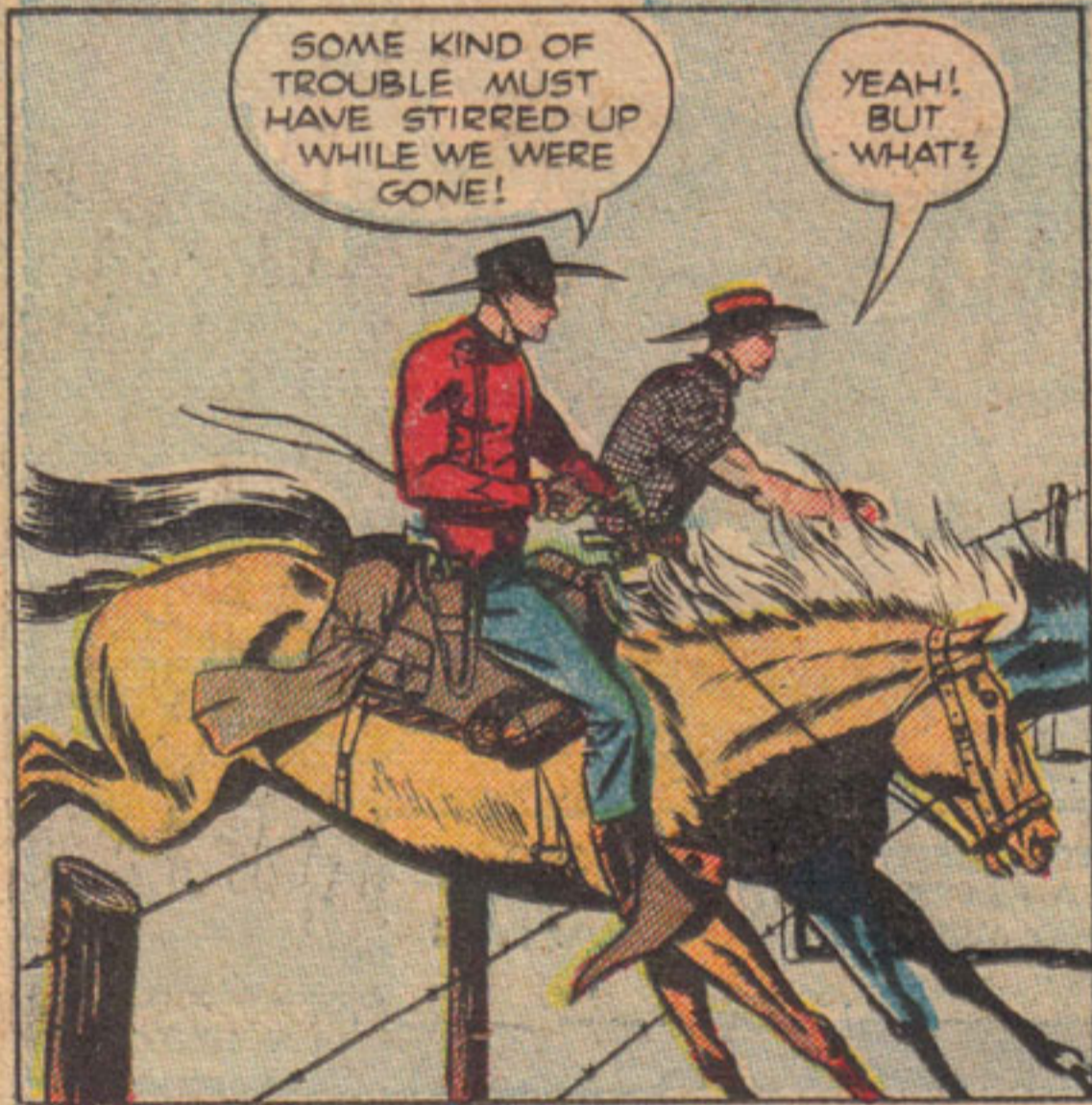
GOLLY, DIAMOND, THINK WE OUGHT TO GO OVER IT? IT'S SURE A LONG WAY AROUND, AND I FOR ONE AM MIGHTY WEARY AND ANXIOUS TO GET HOME!

WELL, I DON'T SEE HOW IT WOULD HURT... IT WAS PROBABLY PUT UP TO KEEP SOMEONE'S CATTLE FROM STRAYING! ANYHOW, THE RANCHERS AROUND HERE ARE A FRIENDLY SORT! LET'S JUMP IT AND SEE IF WE CAN FIND THE OWNER!



COME ON, RELIAPON, BOY, LET'S GO OVER!

UP, BOY! UP, EL LOBO!



SOME KIND OF TROUBLE MUST HAVE STIRRED UP WHILE WE WERE GONE!

YEAH! BUT WHAT?



MAYBE A CATTLE WAR- ALTHOUGH THIS WAS MIGHTY PEACEFUL TERRITORY!

WARNING!
PEOPLE PASSING THROUGH WILL BE SHOT ON SIGHT!
KEEP OUT!



PAW! PAW! HE'S COME BACK! HE'S COME BACK!



WHAT IN TARNATION IS THAT YOUNG 'UN A SHOUTIN' ABOUT?

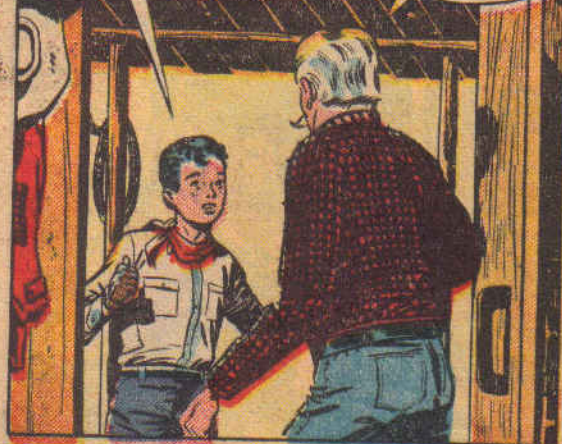
SOMETHIN' ABOUT SOMEBODY COMIN' BACK! WHO COULD HE MEAN?

IT'S HIM, PAW...(PUFF)...THE ONE WHO STOLE OUR PALOMINO! (PUFF) HE COME RIDING BACK BIG AS LIFE!

WHAT! THEY WOULDN'T DARE! HOW MANY WAS THERE?

ONLY TWO OF THEM, PAW—ONE RIDING THE PALOMINO AND ANOTHER FELLER! I...

BY THUNDER, THEY GOT THEIR NERVE! MUSTA FIGURED I WOULDN'T DO NOTHING, EH? I'LL SHOW 'EM! GET MY SHOOTIN' IRON, MAW!

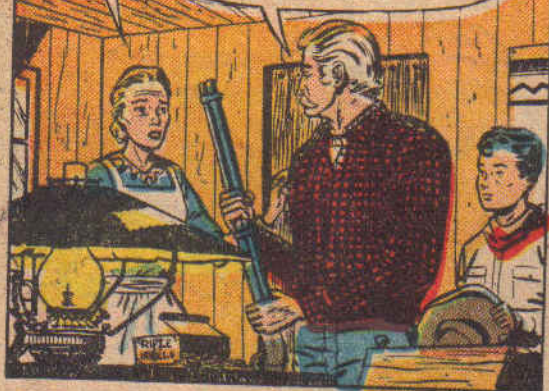


WHY DON'T YOU LET IT BE, JEB? YOU'LL GET YOURSELF HURT FOR SURE!

NO, MARTHA—I'VE HAD ENOUGH! C'MON—LET'S GET TO WHERE WE'VE GOT THOSE TREES CUT AND PEGGED UP, READY TO FALL! THERE'S ONLY ONE TRAIL THOSE STRANGERS CAN TAKE AND WHEN THEY REACH THAT SPOT, THEY'LL FALL RIGHT INTO OUR TRAP!

IF THERE IS ANYONE CLOSE BY, THEY MUST BE OVER THAT RISE!

I THOUGHT I SAW A WISP OF SMOKE THAT WAY! LET'S TAKE A LOOK, BUMP... HEY!...



LOOK OUT, BUMPER!

WHOA RELIAPON! WHOA, BOY! WOW, THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE!

DIAMOND! LOOK OUT! THERE GOES ANOTHER TREE!





THIS SEEMS A LITTLE TOO CLOSE TO BE AN ACCIDENT! ONE TREE MAYBE BUT NOT TWO!

GET OFF THOSE HORSES AN' REACH!



WE'D BETTER DO AS HE SAYS BUMPER...UNTIL WE FIND OUT WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT!

HMM... DON'T RECOGNIZE THE FELLERS! RANKIN MUST HAVE HIRED SOME NEW HELP!

NEVER MIND THEM, PAW. LET'S LOOK AT THE PALOMINO!



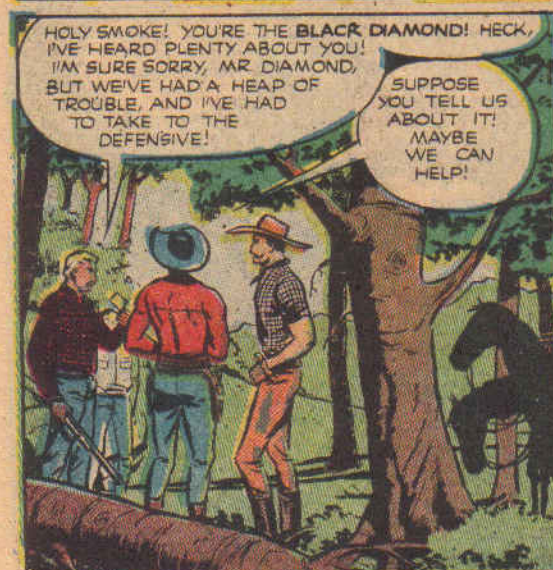
BY GOLLY, I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT TWO HORSES COULD LOOK SO MUCH ALIKE! IT DON'T SEEM POSSIBLE!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR, MISTER, BUT YOU WON'T FIND IT ON RELIAPON! HE'S BEEN MINE SINCE HE WAS A COLT!



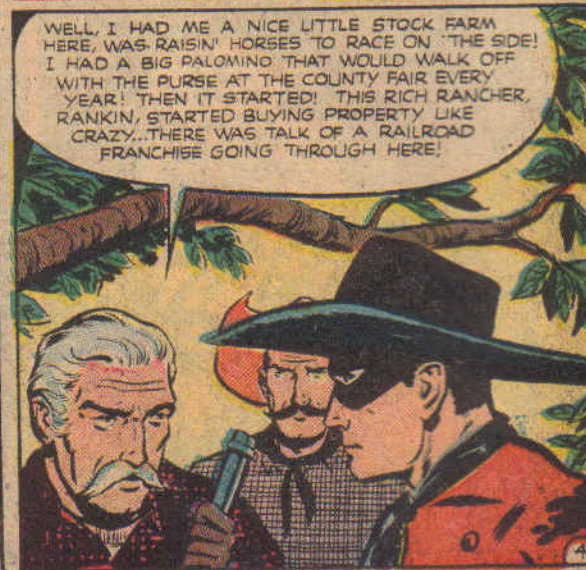
I RECKON WE MADE A MISTAKE, MISTER! WE THOUGHT YOU WERE A COUPLE OF RANKIN'S GUNMEN! WHO ARE YOU, ANYWAY, AND WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON MY PROPERTY?

HERE'S MY IDENTIFICATION, AND WE WERE ON YOUR PROPERTY HUNTING YOU, TO ASK PERMISSION TO TAKE A SHORT CUT THROUGH YOUR LAND!



HOLY SMOKE! YOU'RE THE BLACK DIAMOND! HECK, I'VE HEARD PLENTY ABOUT YOU! I'M SURE SORRY, MR. DIAMOND, BUT WE'VE HAD A HEAP OF TROUBLE, AND I'VE HAD TO TAKE TO THE DEFENSIVE!

SUPPOSE YOU TELL US ABOUT IT! MAYBE WE CAN HELP!



WELL, I HAD ME A NICE LITTLE STOCK FARM HERE, WAS RAISIN' HORSES TO RACE ON 'THE SIDE! I HAD A BIG PALOMINO THAT WOULD WALK OFF WITH THE PURSE AT THE COUNTY FAIR EVERY YEAR! THEN IT STARTED! THIS RICH RANCHER, RANKIN, STARTED BUYING PROPERTY LIKE CRAZY...THERE WAS TALK OF A RAILROAD FRANCHISE GOING THROUGH HERE!

HE KEPT AFTER ME TO SELL MINE! WHEN I REFUSED, HE THREATENED ME! THEN THINGS STARTED HAPPENING! POISONED WATER KILLED OFF THE STOCK! THE BIG HOUSE MYSTERIOUSLY BURIED DOWN! ALL I HAD LEFT WAS THE PALOMINO...AND LAST WEEK WHEN I HAD TO GO TO TOWN, THEM DEVILS SLUGGED MY HORSE HERE AND STOLE MY HORSE!



THAT'S WHY WE WAYLAYED YOU! YOUR HORSE IS A DEAD RINGER FOR MINE! ANY-ONE BUT MY-SELF COULDN'T, TELL THEM APART!



TELL ME MORE ABOUT THIS, RANKIN!

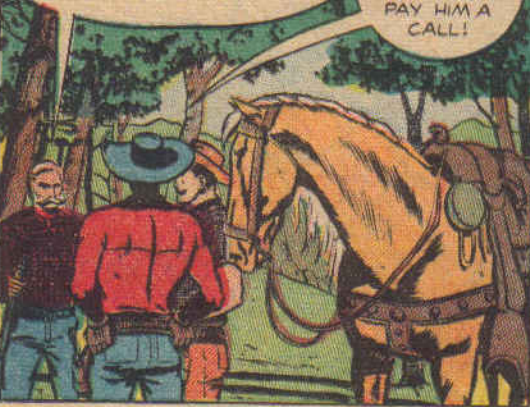
RANKIN'S A POWERFUL MAN, THE BIGGEST RANCHER IN THIS TERRITORY! HIS WORD IS LAW!

MAYBE WE CAN HELP YOU! I'M GONNA HAVE A TALK WITH RANKIN!



I SHORE WOULD APPRECIATE IT, MARSHAL! I'M JUST ABOUT LICKED! I WAS COUNTING ON WINNING THAT FAIRGROUND RACE TO PAY OFF MY MORTGAGE! IF I CAN'T GET MY HORSE BACK, I'M FINISHED!

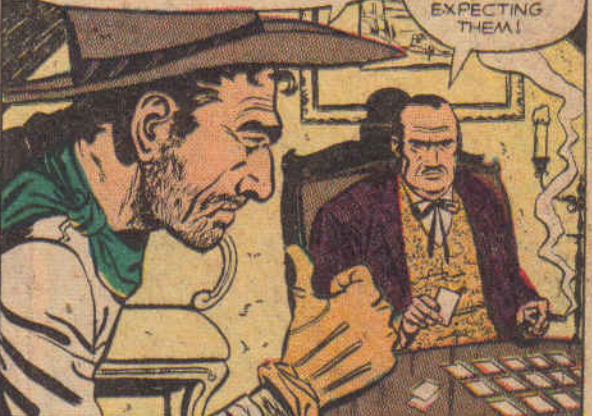
WE'LL DO OUR BEST! SHOW US WHERE RANKIN LIVES, AND WE'LL PAY HIM A CALL!



LATER, AS BLACK DIAMOND AND BUMPER APPROACH, RANKIN'S HOME...

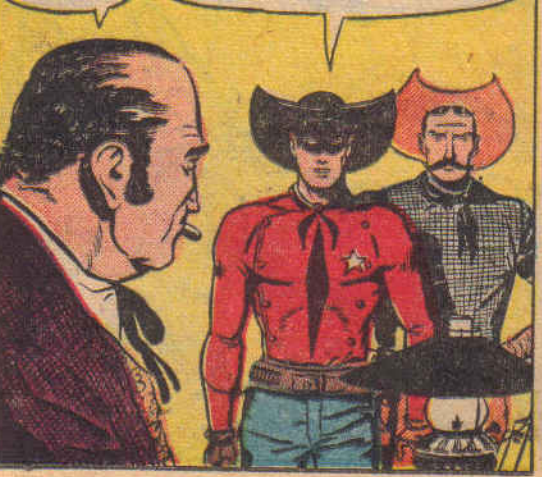
HEY, BOSS! A COUPLE O' STRANGERS ARE COMING UP TO THE HOUSE! ONE O' THEM'S TOTING A MARSHAL'S BADGE! WHAT SHALL WE DO?

DO? WHY SHOW THE GENTLEMEN IN! I'VE BEEN EXPECTING THEM!



COME IN, GENTLEMEN! BE SEATED!

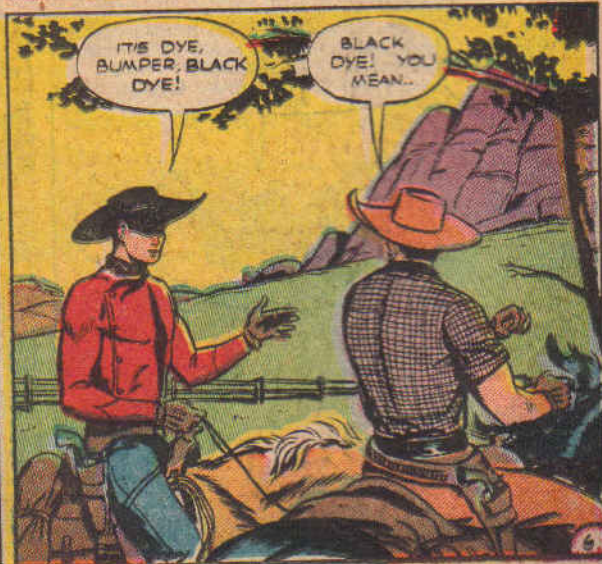
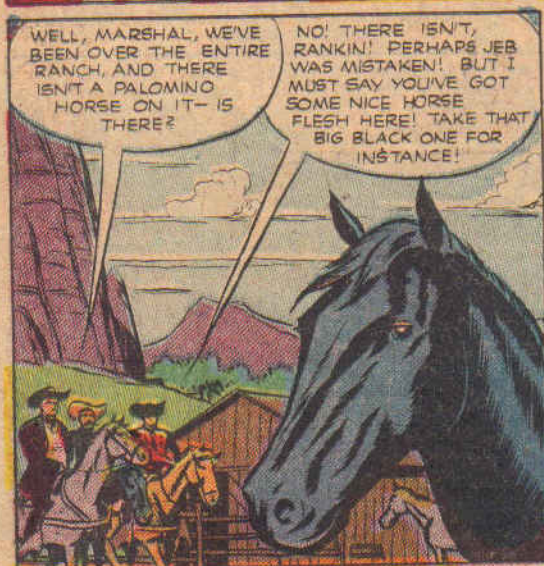
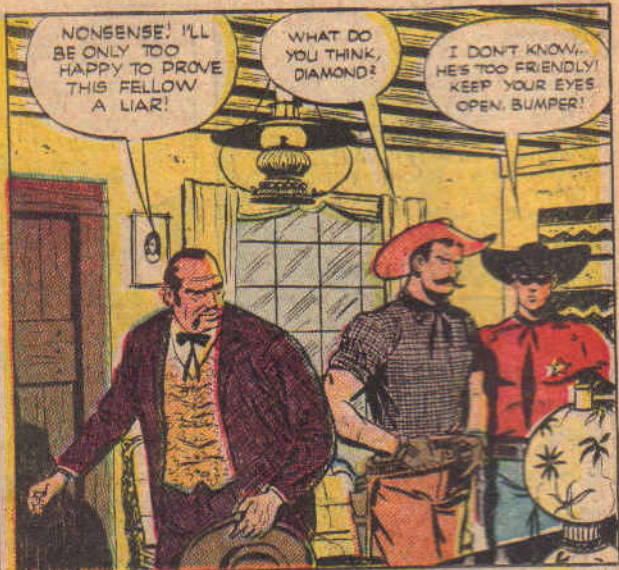
NO, THANKS! I'LL BE BRIEF! WE'VE COME TO INVESTIGATE IF A CERTAIN PALOMINO HORSE MIGHT HAVE "STRAYED" ON YOUR LAND!



YOU MEAN, OF COURSE, JEB TURNER'S! THAT FELLOW IS A TROUBLE MAKER! I'VE BEEN FAR TOO PATIENT WITH HIM!

IF YOU DON'T MIND, WE'D LIKE TO SCOUT AROUND! HE MIGHT HAVE GOTTEN MIXED IN BY 'MISTAKE'!







I MEAN THAT HORSE BACK THERE IS DYED BLACK!

WHY THAT DIRTY... COME ON, LET'S GET HIM!



HOLD ON, BUMPER, WE'RE GOING BACK... BUT LATER TONIGHT! WE WON'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST RANKIN'S MOB! REMEMBER, TOO, THE BRAND HAS PROBABLY BEEN CHANGED! TONIGHT WE'LL DO A LITTLE OLD-FASHIONED HORSE STEALING!

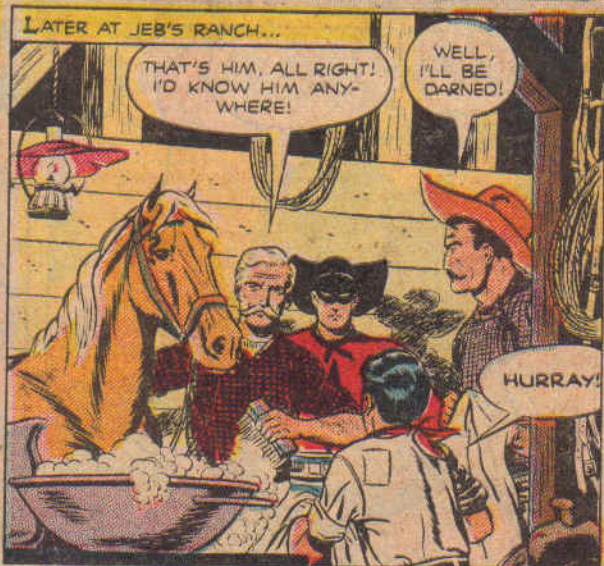


THAT NIGHT...

QUIET, NOW, BUMPER, WHILE I SLIP A ROPE!



HECK, THIS IS A SNAP, DIAMOND! THERE'S NOT A SOUL AROUND!



LATER AT JEB'S RANCH...

THAT'S HIM, ALL RIGHT! I'D KNOW HIM ANYWHERE!

WELL, I'LL BE DARNED!

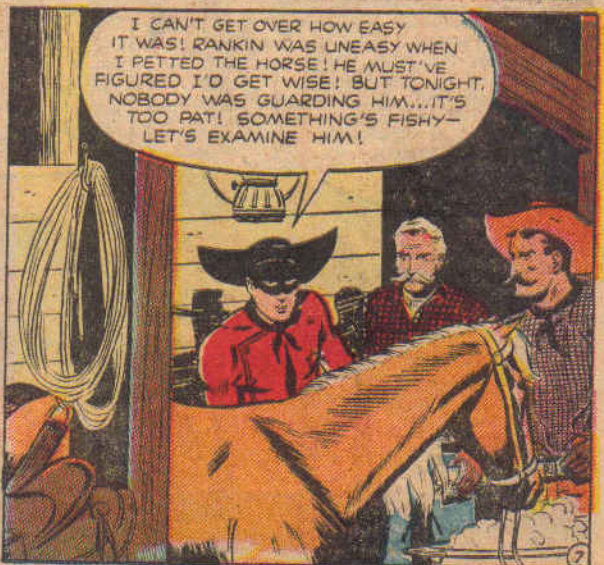
HURRAY!



WHAT'S THE MATTER, DIAMOND? DIDN'T WE PUT ONE OVER ON THE CROOK THIS TIME?

I DON'T KNOW, BUMPER! I DON'T KNOW!

IT'S MY HORSE, ALL RIGHT, MARSHAL! YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT!



I CAN'T GET OVER HOW EASY IT WAS! RANKIN WAS UNEASY WHEN I PETTED THE HORSE! HE MUST'VE FIGURED I'D GET WISE! BUT TONIGHT, NOBODY WAS GUARDING HIM... IT'S TOO PAT! SOMETHING'S FISHY—LET'S EXAMINE HIM!



LOOK AT THIS HOOF! I WAS AFRAID OF SOMETHING LIKE THIS!

WHY, IT'S A NAIL! A SMALL NAIL!

THOSE DIRTY DOGS!



A VERY CLEVER SCHEME! WHEN RANKIN KNEW WE WERE WISE, HE COUNTED ON US GOING TO GET THE HORSE, BUT HE FIGURED IN OUR HURRY TO GET HIM READY FOR THE RACE TOMORROW, WE'D OVERLOOK THE NAIL AND HE'D BE SURE NOT TO WIN-RUNNING WITH A NAIL IN HIS FOOT!



BUT ANYWAY YOU LOOK AT IT, HE'S GOT US! WE'RE SUNK!

NO, NOT QUITE! HE'S OVERLOOKED ONE THING!

WHAT?



RELIAPON!

WHY, SURE!

YOU MEAN RUN YOUR HORSE!



WHY NOT? WE'LL ENTER HIM UNDER HIS REAL NAME ACCORDING TO THE RULES! IF HE WINS, AND I'M SURE HE WILL, THE MONEY WILL PAY OFF YOUR MORTGAGE AND GIVE YOU A NEW START!

BUT RANKIN WILL SURELY NOTICE THE DIFFERENT NAME!



SO WHAT? HE'LL THINK WE'VE CHANGED THE HORSE'S NAME TO FOOL HIM! AND THEN I'VE GOT A SPECIAL PLAN IN STORE FOR MR. RANKIN! NOW LET'S ALL GET SOME SLEEP SO WE'LL BE READY FOR THE RACE TOMORROW!



THE DAY OF THE BIG RACE DAWNS... THE FAIRGROUND IS JAMMED WITH SPECTATORS...





HE'S STILL LEADING, BOSS - BY A LENGTH!

HE SHOULD GO LAME ABOUT NOW!



HAS HE GONE LAME YET, JAKE?

NO, BOSS, HE'S INCREASING HIS LEAD!



NO...NO... THIS CAN'T BE!

HE'S THREE LENGTHS IN FRONT!



AND RELIAPON WINS GOING AWAY...

HE WON, BOSS, HE WON, BY THREE LENGTHS!

NO... NO...



HOW CAN I EVER THANK YOU, MARSHAL!

FORGET IT, JEB, YOU'VE HAD YOUR SHARE OF BAD LUCK!

SHERIFF, ARREST THOSE MEN FOR HORSE STEALING AND ILLEGALLY ENTERING THAT HORSE IN THE RACE!



WELL, MR. RANKIN, I'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU! NICE OF YOU TO BRING THE SHERIFF! YOU SEE, I'M CHARGING YOU WITH HORSE STEALING, AMONG OTHER THINGS!

WHAT! SHERIFF, DON'T BELIEVE HIM! HERE'S MY BRAND ON...WAIT... IT ISN'T HERE... BUT...

JUST WHAT HORSE DO YOU THINK THIS IS, RANKIN?



WHY...THEY'RE IDENTICAL! THAT OTHER HORSE! HE'S THE ONE! SEE - THERE'S MY BRAND!

RIGHT! AND HERE'S THE ILLEGAL RUNNING IRON THAT WAS USED TO CHANGE IT FROM JEB'S!

I FORGOT TO MENTION, WHILE YOU AND YOUR GUNMEN WERE AT THE RACE, BUMPER MADE A LITTLE EXPEDITION ON HIS OWN AND FOUND OUT SOME INTERESTING THINGS!



...ALSO, WE LOCATED A COUPLE OF YOUR MEN WHO TOLD US SOME MIGHTY INTERESTING THINGS ABOUT YOU TRYING TO DRIVE JEB OFF HIS PROPERTY! YOU BIT OFF MORE THAN YOU YOU COULD CHEW THIS TIME, RANKIN, AND YOU'RE GOING TO PAY! TAKE HIM AWAY, SHERIFF!

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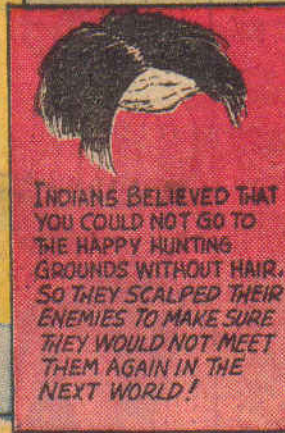
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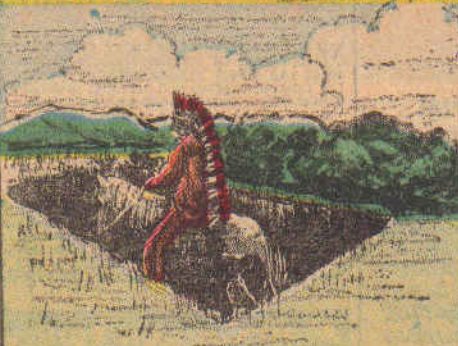
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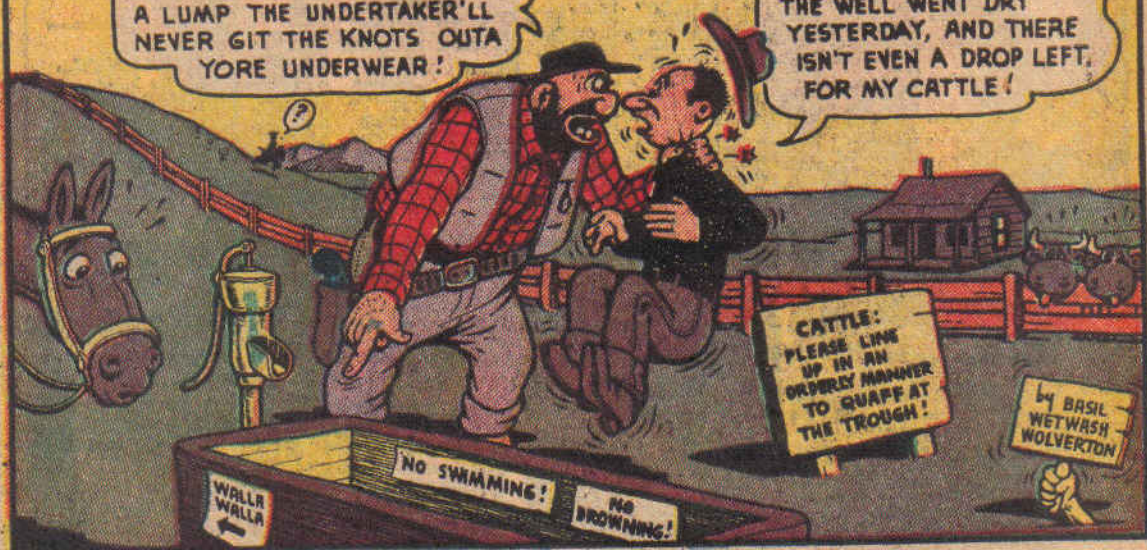
INDIAN CHIEF, BLACK HAWK WAS BURIED SITTING ON HIS FAVORITE WHITE HORSE IN FULFILLMENT OF HIS LAST REQUEST! HE ALSO TOOK ALONG HIS BOW AND ARROW AND PIPE, TOBACCO AND WAMPUM!

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THERE ISN'T ANY WATER! THE WELL WENT DRY YESTERDAY, AND THERE ISN'T EVEN A DROP LEFT, FOR MY CATTLE!



A TROUBLE-MAKER, EH? OKAY! YOU ASKED FOR IT!

LET GO THAT FELLOW. YOU BIG, BEDBUG-BRAINED BULLY!



WELL! I SHORE WILL-- AND JUST LONG ENOUGH TO CRIMP YOU LIMP, SHRIMP!



I'M SUCH AN EXPERT AT BUMPIN' OFF BOZOS THAT I NEVER EVEN BOTHER TO AIM!

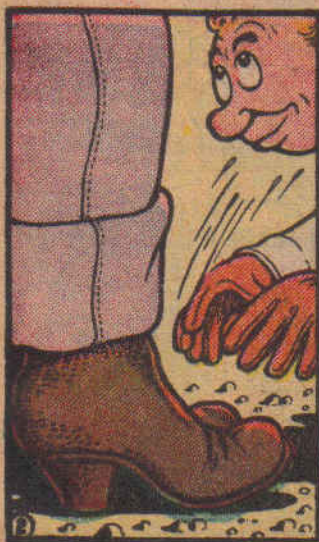
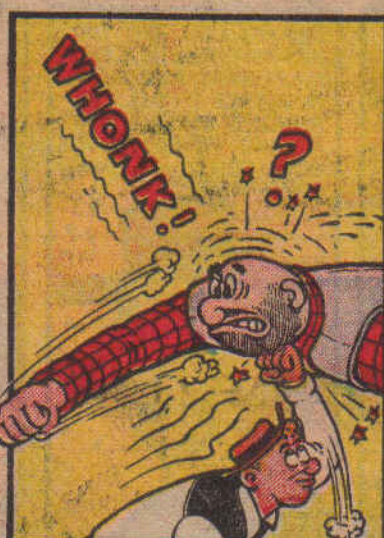


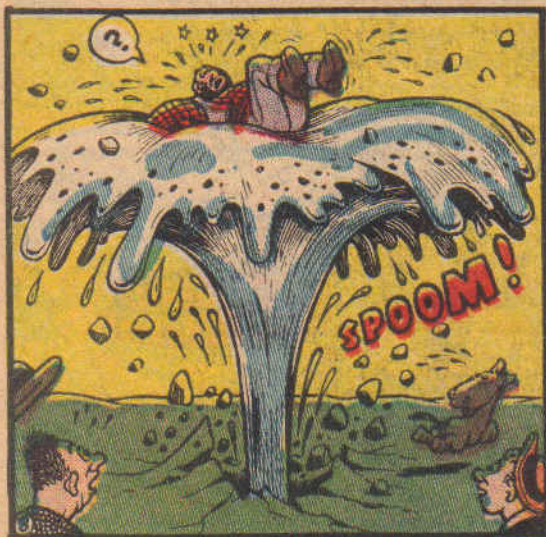
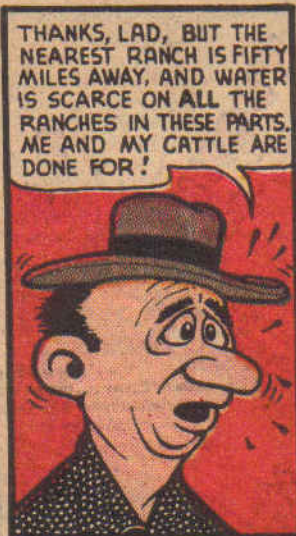
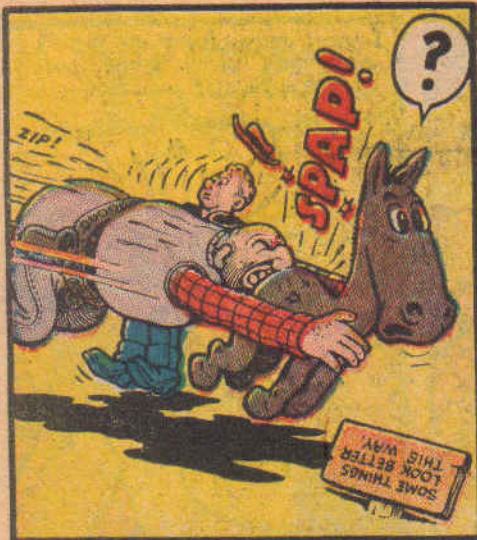
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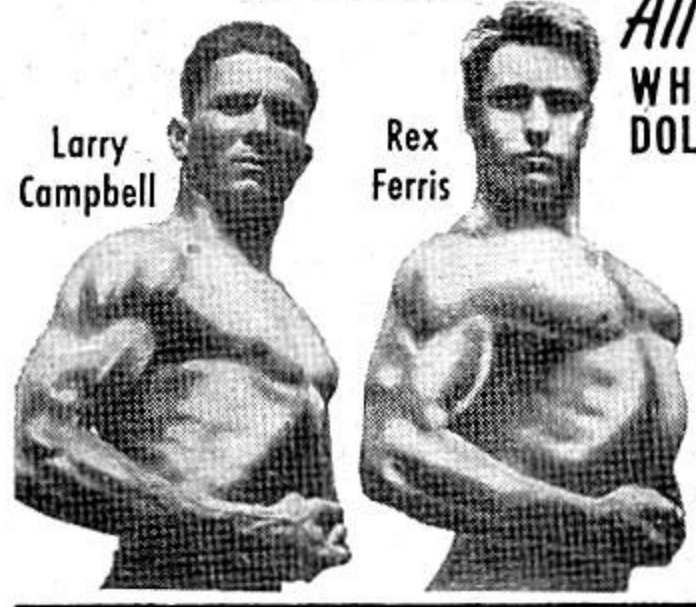
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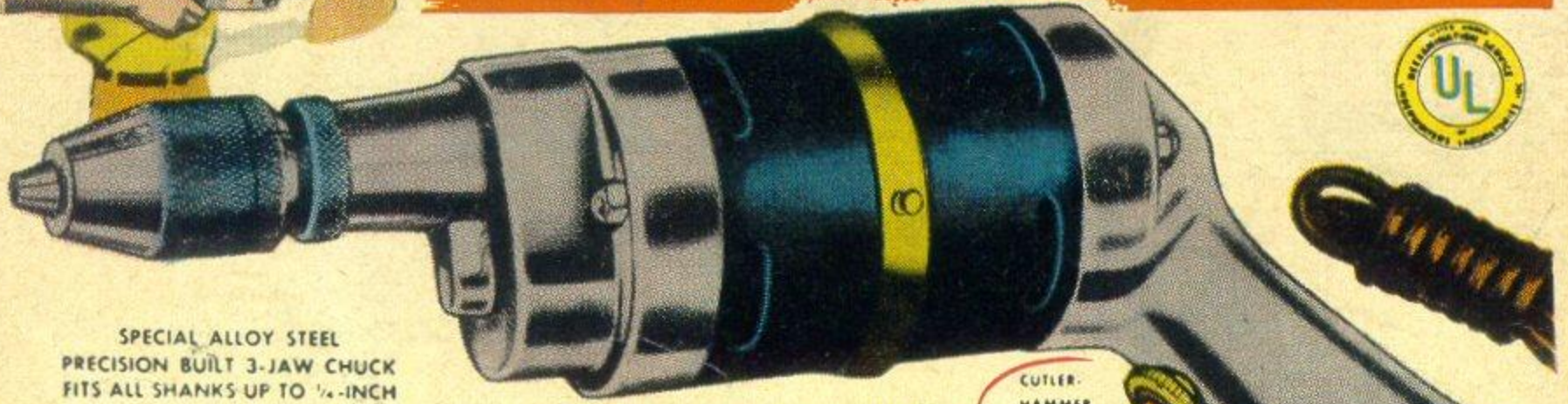
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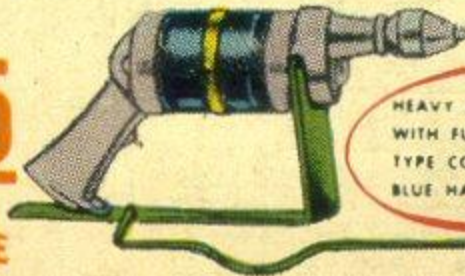
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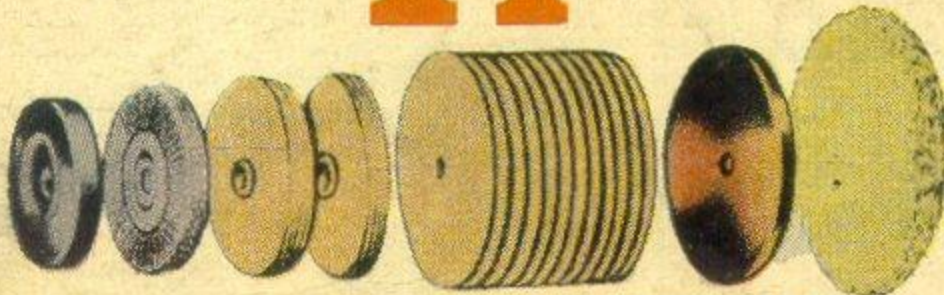
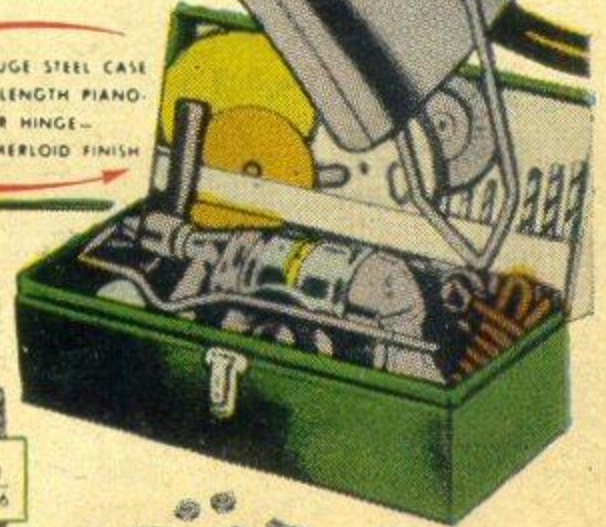
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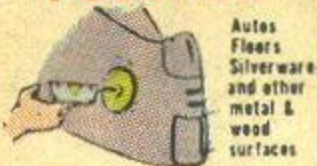
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